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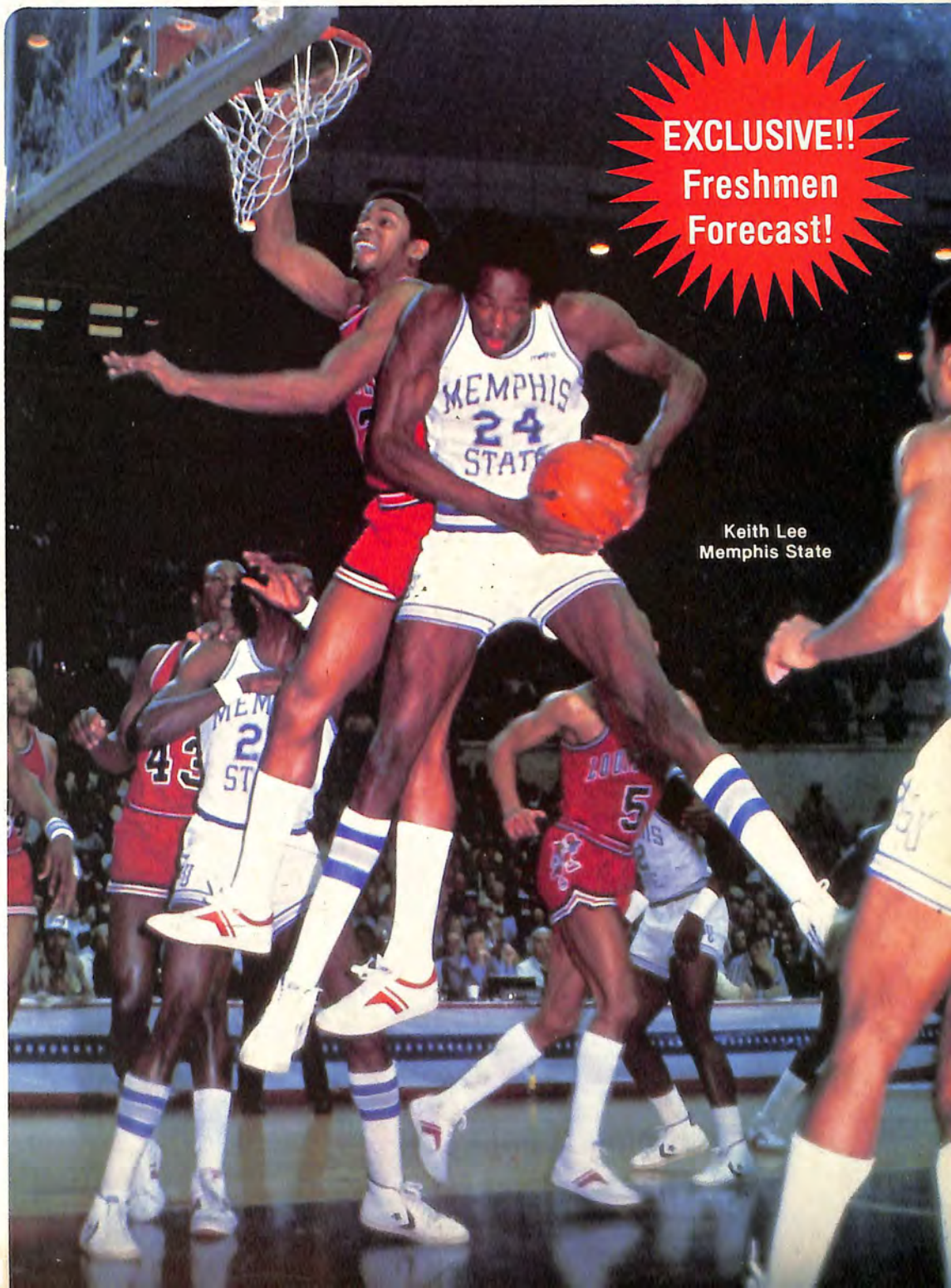
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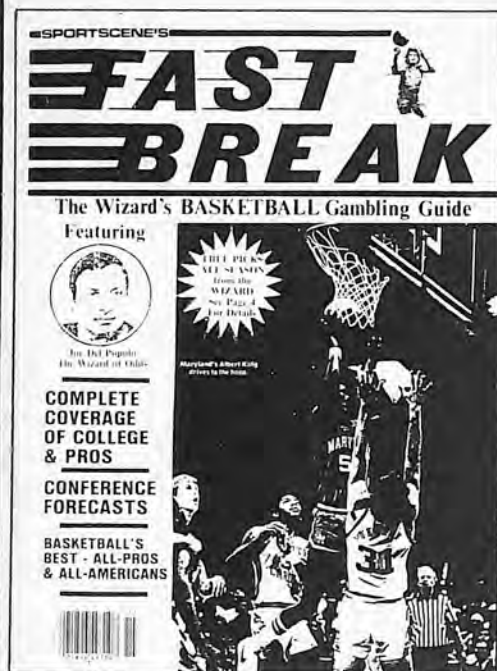
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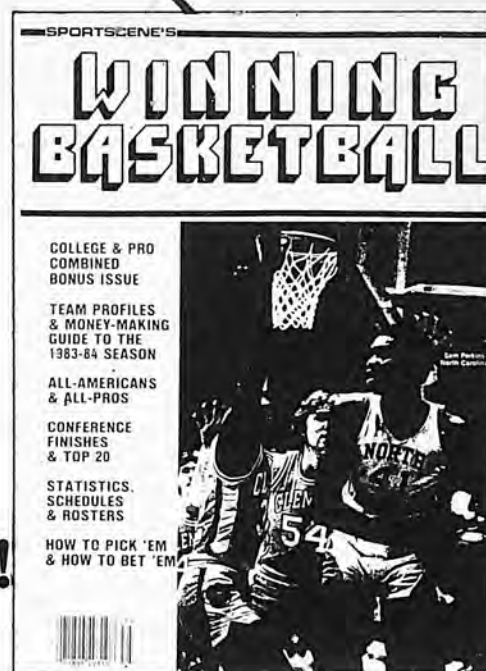
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The Stat-Key Annual enables the fan to estimate the point differences between the scores of opposing teams. The home court advantage (HCA) allows the fan to estimate the score of each of two opposing teams—an instant PrePlay of a game. The Stat-Key Annual allows the fan to readily compare and analyze the power of competing teams prior to game play. It offers the fan a key to the analysis of college & pro basketball.

Developing the Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each of the teams has a Power Rating and a Home Court Advantage (HCA). The ratings have been developed, for the coming season, by the GamePlan Analysts. In developing the Stat-Key Annual, the analysts thoroughly evaluate the factors that they feel most strongly influence (and reflect) a college basketball team's ability:

1. Each team's scoring record and final power ratings from the previous season.
2. Each team's losses and gains in personnel.
3. Junior college transfers.
4. Incoming freshmen who may have an immediate impact on the team's play.
5. Each team's detailed statistics from the previous season's play.
6. Changes in schedule and overall strengths and weaknesses of the conference or independent grouping.
7. Changes in coaching staff (and coaching methods).

In pro basketball those factors considered are:

1. Each team's scoring record and final power ratings from the previous season.
2. Retirements, trades and age factors.
3. A careful evaluation of the rookie crop.
4. Each team's detailed statistics from the previous season's play.
5. Changes in coaching staff (and coaching methods).

The above factors are evaluated and quantified. Factors such as scoring record, whether a team is offense or defense "minded", losses and gains in key players and strengths of opponents are weighted more heavily than others. A relatively complicated process of analysis follows and eventually refined ratings then, represent each team's potential in terms of rated power at the start of the 1983-84 season.

No system can predict the outcome of basketball competition precisely. There are simply too many variables, many developing during actual game play. The tremendous excitement and spontaneity of basketball are indeed the main reasons for its great popularity as a spectator sport. Thus, the Stat-Key Annual is designed to: 1) provide the fan with basic estimates of team strength, which reflects a team's ability; 2) make the fan aware of those factors (other than team strength) which influence the outcome of games; 3) encourage the fan to draw on his own knowledge of the game, and to employ his own judgement in weighing influencing factors; and 4) enable the fan to derive greater overall pleasure and satisfaction during the season.

Basketball, unlike many other team sports, retains much individuality by its participants. Some teams rely heavily on the play of a single, or perhaps two, key players and their performances can, and do, have a much greater impact on the outcome of contests. Because of the "individuality" which exists in basketball, we strongly urge you, the reader, to carefully go over the material contained on page 10.

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Stat-Key National Preview

National success and North Carolina Tar Heel basketball have gone hand-in-hand during the venerable Dean Smith's tenure in Chapel Hill, and the 1983-84 Heels look to be as good a club as Messer Smith has ever had. To a veteran larder already containing the likes of All-Americans Michael Jordan at guard and forward Sam Perkins, the Tar Heels have added one of the nation's finest frosh classes led by two of prep basketball's premier big men, 6-9 Dave Popson and 6-10 Joe Wolf. That's more than enough to convince **GAMEPLAN** that UNC, which won the college hardwood title just two years ago, is going to walk off with the No. 1 award again in 1983-84.

Running No. 2 nationally will be the powerful Kentucky Wildcats of Joe. B. Hall, who like North Carolina already had plenty of veteran talent and enjoyed another banner recruiting harvest. The 3-4 teams in our pre-season Top Twenty, Georgetown and Houston, will be led by two of the nation's premier centers in the Hoyas' Patrick Ewing and Akeem "The Dream" Oluwunmi of the Cougars.

Yet another **GAMEPLAN** pre-season All-American first team pick Keith Lee, spearheads a D-E-E-P Memphis State squad tabbed No. 5 in our poll for 1983-84, followed by Iowa out of the **balanced** Big Ten, and Georgia, which should push Kentucky all the way for SEC title honors. Rounding out our top ten are No. 8 Oklahoma, led by wondrous Wayman Tisdale; Oregon State, which probably has the nation's premier forward tandem (Charlie Sitton and A.C. Green) and much more, while finally, No. 10 Arkansas, which figures to make life hot for SWC title favorite Houston.

The same sort of pressure should fall on No. 9 choice Oregon State in the Pacific-10, with the UCLA Bruins expected to be snapping at the Beavers' heels all the way. UCLA is at the top of our pre-season second ten, followed in the 12-13-14-15 slots by St. John's, Wichita State, Maryland and Louisville. Of those four, the Redmen (Big East), Shockers (Missouri Valley), Terrapins (Atlantic Coast) and Cardinals (Metro) will all be strong title contenders in their respective conferences. Bank on it!

Old standby Bobby Knight and his Indiana Hoosiers are our No. 16 choice, while rounding out our 1983-84 Top Twenty are, in order: Virginia Commonwealth, Louisiana State, Brigham Young and Tulsa. And don't think we didn't spend some sleepless nights whittling the more than 200 "major college" teams we reviewed before settling on our elite twenty.

Hell, taking out a bum appendix with a Weedeater would've been less of an ordeal!

TOP TEAMS

(AS RATED BY STAT-KEY SYSTEM)

- 1 North Carolina
- 2 Kentucky
- 3 Houston
- 4 Georgetown
- 5 Memphis State
- 6 Iowa
- 7 Georgia
- 8 Oklahoma
- 9 Oregon State
- 10 Arkansas
- 11 UCLA
- 12 St. John's
- 13 Wichita State
- 14 Maryland
- 15 Louisville
- 16 Indiana
- 17 Virginia C'wealth
- 18 LSU
- 19 Brigham Young
- 20 Tulsa

Stat-Key Rating Table for 1983-84 College Season

PR = Power Rating HCA = Home Court Advantage

	PR	HCA
Alabama	112	5
Ala.-Birmingham	110	4
American	104	4
Arizona	102	3
Arizona State	106	3
Arkansas	113	5
Auburn	110	5
Baylor	102	3
Boston College	111	5
Bradley	110	5
Brigham Young	112	5
Butler	101	3
California	109	4
Canisius	100	3
Cincinnati	106	4
Clemson	106	4
Colorado	106	4
Colorado State	103	3
Connecticut	107	4
Creighton	107	4
Dayton	109	5
DePaul	110	5
Detroit	105	4
Drake	103	3
Duke	109	4
Duquesne	104	3
Evansville	109	5
Florida	106	3
Florida State	105	3
Georgia	113	5
Georgia Tech	108	4
Georgetown	114	6
George Washington	108	4
Hawaii	104	4
Holy Cross	110	5
Houston	114	6
Illinois	110	5
Illinois State	104	3
Indiana	112	5
Indiana State	108	4
Iona	109	4
Iowa	113	6
Iowa State	109	5
Jacksonville	106	4

	PR	HCA
Kansas	110	5
Kansas State	103	4
Kentucky	114	6
LaSalle	108	4
LSU	112	5
Louisville	112	5
Long Island	102	4
Loyola (Chi.)	106	4
Marquette	111	5
Maryland	112	5
Massachusetts	106	4
Memphis State	113	6
Michigan	111	5
Michigan State	110	4
Minnesota	107	3
Mississippi	103	3
Mississippi State	107	3
Missouri	108	5
Navy	103	4
Nebraska	111	5
Nevada-Las Vegas	109	5
New Mexico	109	5
New Mexico State	103	3
Niagara	100	3
North Carolina	115	6
N Carolina State	110	5
UNC Charlotte	109	4
Northwestern	106	3
Notre Dame	110	5
Ohio State	109	4
Oklahoma	113	5
Oklahoma City	102	3
Oklahoma State	104	4
Old Dominion	107	4
Oral Roberts	108	5
Oregon	111	5
Oregon State	113	5
Penn State	103	3
Pepperdine	106	5
Pittsburgh	109	4
Providence	106	4
Purdue	109	4
Rhode Island	105	4
Rice	104	3

	PR	HCA
Rutgers	106	4
St. Bonaventure	107	5
St. John's	112	5
St. Joseph's	110	5
St. Louis	103	3
St. Peter's	109	4
San Diego State	111	5
Seton Hall	104	4
South Alabama	111	4
South Carolina	110	5
South Florida	110	4
Southern Cal	110	4
Southern Illinois	101	3
SMU	109	4
Stanford	111	5
Syracuse	110	5
Temple	109	5
Tennessee	111	5
Texas	108	4
Texas A&M	106	3
TCU	103	3
Texas-El Paso	105	4
Texas Tech	104	5
Toledo	103	4
Tulane	109	4
Tulsa	112	5
UCLA	113	5
Utah	108	5
Utah State	105	4
Vanderbilt	109	4
Villanova	110	5
Virginia	111	5
Virginia C'wealth	112	5
Virginia Tech	111	5
Wake Forest	111	5
Washington	107	4
Washington State	104	3
W Texas State	106	4
Western Kentucky	103	4
Wichita State	112	5
Wisconsin	106	3
Wyoming	107	5
Xavier (O.)	110	5

Stat-Key Rating Table

For National Basketball Association

Includes Conference, Division Ranking for Start of 1983-84 Season

PR = Power Rating HCA = Home Court Advantage

EAST CONFERENCE Conf. Avg. PR=110.0	PR	HCA
Atlantic Division DIV. AVG. PR=111.6		
Philadelphia 76ers	115	5
Boston Celtics	113	5
New Jersey Nets	111	4
New York Knicks	110	4
Washington Bullets	109	4
Central Division DIV. AVG. PR=108.3		
Milwaukee Bucks	113	5
Atlanta Hawks	111	5
Detroit Pistons	110	4
Chicago Bulls	107	3
Cleveland Cavaliers	105	3
Indiana Pacers	104	3

WEST CONFERENCE Conf. Avg. PR=109.1	PR	HCA
Midwest Division DIV. AVG. PR=108.2		
San Antonio Spurs	113	5
Denver Nuggets	110	4
Kansas City Kings	109	4
Dallas Mavericks	107	3
Houston Rockets	106	3
Utah Jazz	104	3
Pacific Division DIV. AVG. PR=110.0		
Los Angeles Lakers	113	5
Seattle Supersonics	112	5
Portland Trail Blazers	111	5
Phoenix Suns	110	4
Golden State Warriors	108	4
San Diego Clippers	106	3

Updating the Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each team has two ratings:

Power Rating (PR)
Home Court Advantage (HCA)

These ratings allow the user to:

1. Estimate the PROBABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCORES of opposing teams.

The Power Rating of the lower rated team is deducted from the Power Rating of the higher rated team. In addition, the Home Court Advantage (HCA) must be added to the home team's Power Rating. The result is the number of points by which the higher rated team is expected to win.

Example:

Tennessee Power Rating (+ HCA) 116
 * California Power Rating 109
 Tennessee to win by 7 points
 * Home Team

2. In the case where teams are meeting on a neutral court the HCA is not used.

Example:

Tennessee Power Rating 111
 California Power Rating 109
 Tennessee to win by 2 points

THE UPDATING PROCEDURE

The updating procedure is based on the variance (error) between estimated and actual differences in scores (or how far off the estimates were from actual scores).

Updating is achieved with this easy to use chart—The chart shows the number of points to be added to or deducted from team ratings for a given variance between the estimated and actual difference in scores.

Example:

From Stat-Key Power Ratings
 Tennessee to win over
 California by 7 points

Hypothetical Result of the Game
 If Tennessee won by 12 points

VARIANCE:	POINT CHANGE IN POWER RATING
0 to 4	0
5 to 9	1
10 to 14	2
15 to 19	3
20 to 24	4
25 +	5

Then Tennessee won by 5 more points than estimated (variance). The chart shows that the amount of correction to ratings for a 5 point variance is

Power Rating 1 point

That amount is added to the Power rating of the team that the variance was in favor of (Tennessee) and subtracted from the rating of the other team (California).

Thus the ratings would be updated as follows

Tennessee (PR)
 original rating 111
 updated rating 112

California (PR)
 original rating 109
 updated rating 108

Notes: The Home Court Advantage (HCA) is never adjusted once the season begins. There is less need for adjustment as the season progresses. It is recommended that the amount of adjustment be limited to a maximum of four points after the seventh game, three points after the 12th game and two points after the 17th game of the season for each team.

To make the Stat-Key easier to use, we recommend the reader make up simple forms, similar in design to the Stat-Key Table. If updating is accomplished properly, the reader will enjoy the use of the Stat-Key system for the entire season.

1983-84 GamePlan All-Americans

First Team

C — Patrick Ewing, Georgetown
F — Wayman Tisdale, Oklahoma
F — Keith Lee, Memphis State
G — Michael Jordan, North Carolina
G — Chris Mullin, St. John's

Second Team

C — Akeem Olajuwon, Houston
F — Kenny Fields, UCLA
F — Adrian Branch, Maryland
G — Jim Master, Kentucky
G — Eric Turner, Michigan

Third Team

C — Greg Stokes, Iowa
F — Charlie Sitton, Oregon State
F — Xavier McDaniel, Wichita State
G — Vern Fleming, Georgia
G — Steve Burt, Iowa

Frosh Team

C — Mike Smith, Brigham Young
F — Tom Sheehey, Virginia
F — Reggie Williams, Georgetown
G — Dwayne Washington, Syracuse
G — James Blackmon, Kentucky

HONORABLE MENTION

Centers

Melvin Turpin, Kentucky
Tony Costner, St. Joseph's
Charles Barkley, Auburn
Dave Hoppen, Nebraska
Benolt Benjamin, Creighton
Jeff Cross, Maine
Mike Brown, George Washington
Blair Rasmussen, Oregon
John Devereaux, Ohio U
Kevin Willis, Michigan State
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama
Michael Pitts, California
Jon Koncak, SMU
Eugene McDowell, Florida
Ben Coleman, Maryland
John Williams, Tulane

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Bobby Beecher, Virginia Tech
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FRESHMEN FORECAST

by Joe Terranova

A funny thing happened on the way to the national letter of intent day for basketball this year. . . it happened twice. In a startling display of naivete, a new rule was introduced and passed at the annual coaches convention. The rule permitted high school seniors to formally commit in mid-November as well as on the traditional second Wednesday in April. Few phenoms signed in November. That wasn't surprising, for basketball is very much a "city" game dominated by "superstars". Logic dictates that these youngsters would be less willing to part with their "freedom" than Luke Skywalker would be to part with the "force", and that's precisely what happened.

Overall, the 1983 crop of high school signees is about as promising as a Russian wheat harvest. Not one of the Top-Ten centers, for example, will have an agent knocking down his door before his senior year. In addition, the SEC and ACC dominated this year's recruiting activity much to the chagrin of the Pac-10, which didn't place a single team in the Top 25.

The 1983 Who's Who of High School Basketball Recruiting follows. The individual player ratings are based on letters of recommendation from college coaches throughout the nation. The top twenty-five selections list those colleges most likely to benefit from an influx of new talent into their programs next season.

Incidentally, I have just about finished my pre-season football report (Juniors to be Seniors in the fall), so if you haven't already taken advantage of the *QUARTERBACK CLUB* offer, I invite you to review the enclosed flier and subscribe now. It's going to be the year of the running back, with as many as five backs in the Walker-Dupree class. But on to the ratings.



NORTH CAROLINA Lumberjacks from around the country are taking their chain saws to Chapel Hill, for the Tar Heels now possess some of the nation's tallest basketball timber. Coach Dean Smith had only one guard, albeit and out-

standing one, to show for his early signing efforts. But when the smoke cleared in the spring, Smith had added the nation's No. 1 center, 6' 10" **Dave Popson** and the No. 4 center, 6' 10" **Joe Wolf** to play in the frontline with returning 6' 9" Sam Perkins and 6' 11" Brad Daugherty. The guard is 6' 2" **Kenny Smith**, a spindly, quick-on-quick talent from Archbishop Molloy in Queens, NY. As a senior, Smith averaged an impressive 29 points and 6 assists per game. On defense Smith has larceny in his hands, his feet and his heart. Popson averaged 25.5 points, 13 rebounds and 9 blocks for Bishop O'Reilly of Kingston, PA. Perhaps more importantly, the youngster has the courage to follow his convictions, for he signed with the Tar Heels knowing that Wolf was already in the fold. Wolf is perhaps the finest roundballer ever produced in the Dairy State. He averaged 31 points and 17 rebounds while leading Kohler to back-to-back Class C state championships. With these three youngsters on board, Dean Smith's greatest thrill is not likely to be getting his first social security check.



KENTUCKY The Wildcats continue to recruit more talented thoroughbreds than Calumet Farms. For the second straight year **Joe B. & Co.** staked their claim to the No. 1 players in Kentucky and Indiana. The king of bluegrass country is

Winston Bennett, the No. 2 forward in the country. A tenacious player, Bennett averaged 25.1 points and 12 boards per game for nationally famous Male High in Louisville. He came within a whisker of breaking **Darrell Griffith's** career school scoring record. On several occasions last season, Kentucky resembled a team that endeavored to control the ball with imple-



ments ill-suited for the purpose. Enter **James Blackmon**. This 6' 3" sensation averaged 32.6 points (a dazzling 52 in the state finals) and broke every record at Hoosierland's premier program, Marion. Many of the nation's premier scouting services felt Blackmon was the No. 1 senior in the country after a string of sensational all-star game performances. Adding depth to the frosh squad are Kentucky all-staters **Paul Andrews** (6' 3") and **Vince Sanford** (6' 5"). No question about it, Joe B. Hall knows great players make great coaches.

LSU Dale Brown rarely lets a Louisiana blue chipper get away and this year he landed two super stars. Six-nine center **Tom Curry** of hometown Baton Rouge Redemptorist is a sure-fire high school all-American who averaged 24 points, 14 rebounds and 8 rejects per game. Curry's shooting ability is nothing short of Star Wars; he averaged 76% from the floor as a senior. Not nearly as well publicized, but the possessor of equally refined basketball skills is 6' 8" **Nikita Wilson** of Leesville. Wilson averaged 19 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks per game. Other talented in-state signees are 6' 6" **Oliver Brown** (23 ppg), 6' 4" **Anthony Wilson** (26 ppg) and 6' 1" **Dennis Brown** (25 ppg). A sleeper with potential is 6' 10" **Damon Vance** of Vallejo, CA (20 points and 13 boards per game). In the Humpty Dumpty SEC Conference, Dale Brown and his Tigers are well on their way to putting their act back together again.



INDIANA Bobby Knight's philosophy of coaching hasn't changed over the years. He intended to be perfect his first day on the job at Indiana, and then improve like a fine bottle of wine. That improvement should come naturally

with his talented freshmen recruits. . . particularly the guards. **Steve Alford** (6' 2") broke all of Kent Benson's New Castle records with a phenomenal senior year that carried him past **James Blackmon** in the balloting for Indiana's Mr. Basketball award. Alford averaged a staggering 37.2 ppg and shot .994 (286-303) from the foul line. He finished as the No. 7 scorer in Hoosier history with 2,116 points over three years. **Marty Simmons**, a bull-strong 6' 5" guard, led Lawrenceville to two consecutive Illinois Class A titles and 68 straight wins. Averaging 31.9 ppg, Simmons finished his career as the No. 3 scorer in Illinois schoolboy history with 2,986 points. Like Alford, he was named Mr. Basketball in Illinois. Another Illinois product, **Daryl Thomas** has also signed. This 6' 7" forward, who averaged only 13 points in an injury-marred year at Westchester, IL, St. Joseph's, is capable of someday being honored as an all-Big Ten player. Knight landed the number two player in Wisconsin, 6' 8" **Todd Meier** (22 ppg) and his first JuCo, **Courtney Witte**. Realizing that the sun doesn't shine on the same dog every day, Knight has taken the proper steps to insure his program isn't bothered by a total eclipse.



OKLAHOMA The final pieces have fallen together for what could be a real powerhouse at Oklahoma and the Sooner the better for Coach Billy Tubbs. Sophomore to be **Wayman Tisdale** has already established himself as a superstar.

Now comes "Mr. Outside" in the presence of 6' 2" super guard **Tim McCalister** of Gary, IN. West. McCalister who averaged 20.8 points and 4 assists per game, has been labeled a "Quinn Buckner who can shoot". The Sooners also landed the top player in their home state, 6' 6" **Darryl Kennedy** of Oklahoma City and Kansas' premier cager, 6' 7" **David Johnson** of Kansas City Wy-

andotte. Adding depth are 6'7 **Hoosier Chuck Watson**, Californians **Dave Sieger** (6'7) and **Joe Seager** (6'8) and JuCo import **Nelson Peterson**. While tubbs' predecessors pleaded heredity when their contracts were terminated, he has found the genes necessary to put the Big 8 back on the basketball map.



NEVADA/LAS VEGAS Jerry Tarkanian got his act together again this past season and he should stay in the Top 20 with a strong freshman contingent plus the addition of 6'9 Indiana transfer **John Flowers** who will become eligible in January. The Rebels' top recruit is 6'2 hometown **Fred Banks**, the finest guard prospect on the West Coast this year. Banks averaged 22.1 points and 8 assists while sparking Valley High to a record fourth straight state title. In the process, Banks was named the state's MVP for the third straight year. The Shark also inked 6'8 **Frank James**, who was MVP on the national JuCo championship team from San Jacinto, TX. The hunch here is that enigmatic 6'11 Californian **Richard Robinson** will produce under Tarkanian's coaching. Another Californian, 6'5, **Ricky Collier**, adds depth.



AUBURN The Tigers continue to improve. In '83 they landed two all-Americans and several other talented individuals who were heavily recruited by all the Southern powers. The Tiger's top recruits are 6'4 Florida product **Frank Ford** and 6'2 Georgia guard **Gerald White**. The powerful Ford was one of the nation's leading rebounders (21 ppg) and averaged 26.7 points while leading Kissimmee Osceola to an unbeaten season and the state 3A title. White averaged 28.3 points for Augusta's Richmond Academy. Other top prospects are Alabama's No. 1 big man, 6'10 **Michael Ruthledge** (20 ppg) and powerful 6'5 Atlanta forward **Terry Martin** (24 ppg). There are other members of the best freshman class to enroll in Auburn in two decades. If you recruit first class, you play first class... and the Tigers appear to have done just that.



ARKANSAS The Razorbacks won their tug-of-war with North Carolina State when they secured the services of **Kenny Hutchinson**. A 6'4 guard, Hutchinson averaged 24 points, 8 assists and 7 rebounds for King High of New York City and was a three year starter at Ben Franklin before its doors were closed. Coach **Eddie Sutton** also signed a shooter deluxe, 6'6 **Kevin Rehl**, who averaged 34.8 ppg and tallied 2,801 points for his career... third best in Oklahoma history. Perimeter shooter **Hunter McDonald** (6'4) averaged 18 ppg at Stanley, KS while rawboned **Jay Crane** (6'8) averaged 15 points and 9 rebounds at Fort Worth, TX, Haltoni. As this crew matures, they'll give Houston a real run for the money in the SWC.



BRIGHAM YOUNG In what was most definitely a lean year for big men, BYU landed a pair of top-flight giants. Ironically, Coach Frank Arnold got his walking papers and will not be around to welcome this group. Heading the list of new recruits is 6'10 **Mike Smith**, who was California's premier player. Smith is talented enough to have gone big time in football (8 TD passes in one game) or volleyball (U.S. Olympic candidate). As a senior he averaged 29.5 points and 16 boards per game while carrying a sparkling 3.95 scholastic average. **Carl Pollard** is a towering 7'2 prospect and the sky is the limit if he improves. As a senior Pollard averaged 19.4 points, 14 rebounds and 6 blocks per game for Mountain View High School in Orem, UT. The third signee is 6'6 perimeter shooter **Mile Girardi**, who averaged 18.5 points, 9 rebounds and 9 assists at Merced, CA.



MICHIGAN Bill Frieder has a great deal of difficulty saying "no" to a good thing. Thus while 1982 was the year of the big man for the Wolves, 1983 marked a shift to the swift and cunning. Although stalwart **Eric Turner** returns for his junior year, Frieder landed a trio of "special" guards. The first to commit was 6'2 **Quincy Turner**. Turner averaged 25.2 ppg and broke most of the records at Benton Harbor, MI... the home of Bradley's Chet Walker. Then came "The Judge," 6'5 **Antione Joubert**. Joubert, who is Michigan's Mr. Basketball, averaged a whopping 31.3 points, 12 rebounds and 7 assists while leading Detroit Southwestern to state runnerup honors. Joubert became the first Michigan Class A player ever to surpass 2,000 points in a career. The real surprise signee was 6'2 guard **Garde Thompson** of East Grand Rapids. Thompson averaged 28 ppg his senior year. The only question that remains... how do you keep everyone happy.



GEORGIA The Bulldogs have gone Hollywood with the signing of flashy **Melvin (Hollywood) Howard**. The 6'1 point guard led Decatur, GA... to a 30-1 record while averaging 16 points and 10 assists and was named AAA "Player of the Year" for the second time. Big **Dwayne Rainey** (6-7, 250) has worlds of potential after a strong senior year at Talbotton Central. **Dennis Williams** (6'3) was one of South Carolina's top 3 players but was slowed considerably by injuries his senior year. **John Smith** (6'9) and **Chad Kesler** (6'7) add inside strength.



IOWA Lute Olson certainly didn't leave the cupboard bare for new Coach George Raveling. He left a veteran team plus several talented recruits. The best known is 6'5 guard **Johnny Fort**, who averaged 21.8 points for a strong Gary, In., Wallace squad. Pure shooter **Robert "Spider" Ursery** (6'5) averaged 26.1 points and 11 rebounds for St. Louis, Mo., Northwest. **Dave Snedeker** (6'8) averaged 18.5 points and 8.5 rebounds for Springfield, IL., Griffin. Raveling added one of Kansas' top preps, 6'6 **Kent Hill**, who averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds for Wichita West.



MEMPHIS STATE As long as Memphis State can get its share of hometown Melrose High stars it will conduct business as usual. The "pipeline" supplied 6'10 **William Bedford** and 6'9 **Dwayne Bailey** this year. Bedford averaged 19 points and was a dominant rebounder on the state championship squad, while Bailey scored in double figures on the best balanced team in the state. Guard **Mark Pace** averaged 22 points and was, perhaps, the No. 1 player in Arkansas. A late recruiting coup was 6'7 **Larry Bush**, one of the top forwards in Chicago. He averaged 19 points for Corliss High. Dana Kirk's got to be please with this foursome.



DePAUL The loss of talented guard **Darnell Glenn** due to academic problems put a damper on DePaul's recruiting haul, yet the Blue Demons still inked two outstanding cagers. The main man for coach Ray Meyer is 6'9 **Dallas Comegys**. This Terry Cummings play-alike averaged 18.3 points and 11.5 rebounds for Philadelphia, Roman Catholic. He also is a great shot blocker, getting seven rejects per game. A top forward prospect is 6'7 leaper **Lawrence West**. The San Diego, CA., Morse star averaged 17 points and 14 rebounds as a senior.



MARYLAND The Terps' rating will head north if 6'9 Washington, D.C., star **Michael Graham** makes his grades this summer and gains entrance to College Park's campus. The two definite blue-chip recruits already enrolled are 6'8, 240-pounder **Terry Long** and 6'5 guard **Keith Gatlin**. Long

averaged 12 points and 14 rebounds at Richmond, VA., Hermitage and is rated a dominant boardman. Gatlin averaged 25.2 points and 6.2 assists at Greenville, N.C., Conley and was rated by many as North Carolina's top senior. For Lefty, it was a very good year.



LOUISVILLE The fleet Cardinals finally recruited a big man who can hit the boards yet run with the greyhounds. He is 6'11 **Barry Sumpster**, who averaged 19.6 points, 15 rebounds and 6.0 blocks for Lovejoy, IL. In addition they have inked Georgia's No. 1 forward, 6'7 **Mark McSwain**, who averaged 19.3 points and 12 rebounds for Atlanta St. Pius. Adding depth is 6-8 homegrown prospect **Will Olliges**. The Cardinals will continue to fly high with this group.



DUKE Duke is another team that is putting the final pieces together for a future powerhouse. Coming on the heels of the nation's top recruiting effort last year, the Blue Devils have landed a giant pivotman, 7'2, 250-pound **Martin Nessley** of Columbus, OH, and the point guard necessary to run a high-powered offense, 6'0 **Tommy Amaker** of W.T. Woodson in Fairfax, VA. Nessley averaged 19.4 points at Whitehall High, while Amaker carved out marks of 17.9 points and 8.4 assists. One wonders if ACC won't have five teams in the NCAA tournament next spring.



SYRACUSE The Orangemen should fill the Carrier Dome for the next four years with the addition of exciting 6'2 guard **Dwayne "Pearl" Washington**. One of the greatest penetrators of all time, Washington averaged 34.4 points, 10 rebounds, 8.0 assists and 4.0 steals for Brooklyn, N.Y. Boys and Girls. He had a high of 55 points and is called the best ever at his school, which has turned out five pros. Another New York guard, 6'2 **Greg Monroe**, averaged 20 points for Pittsford Mendon. Coach Jim Boeheim also is high on the potential of 6'11 Canadian **George Papadakos**.



MINNESOTA The Gophers are used to getting tall timber and they have more on the way with the likes of 7'0 **Paul Van Den Einde** and 7'1 **Mike Carpenter**. Van Den Einde averaged 21.0 points and 13 rebounds for Willmar, MN., while Carpenter blocked 172 shots at Knoxville, TN., Farragut. **Kevin Smith** (6'7) averaged 15.0 ppg with some fancy moves at Lansing, MI., Everett, while **Gerald Jackson** (6'4) carried an 18.3 average at Flint Hill Academy in Oakton, VA.



MISSISSIPPI Although the school mascot remains the same, the game's about to change at Ole Miss. Coach **Lee Hunt** is building a totally new program from the ground up. He landed a pair of standouts from the State of Tennessee: 6'6 **Bruce Tranbarger**, a pure shooter who averaged 23.0 points at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, and 6'2 **Andre Laird** who averaged 17.0 ppg at Memphis East. Hunt speared 6'8 **Pat Washington** away from Cincinnati, OH., Princeton, 6'4 **Brad Goshehn** from Bryant, AR., where he averaged 19 ppg, and 6'10 **Sylvester Kincheon** from Austin, TX., Travis. Kincheon, the second best big man in the Lone Star State, averaged 23.0 ppg. Could it be the SEC will also have fine teams in the NCAA next year?



GEORGIA TECH Henry Dalrymple has the hustle and charisma to take the Tech program up another rung of the ladder. The 6'4 swiftie established himself as a legend in Vermont by averaging 28.5 points, 20 rebounds, 7.0 assists and 6.0 steals for St. Johnsbury Academy. He scored just under

2,500 points to set a career record in the state. Six-four guard **Craig Neal** averaged 27 points for Washington, IN., and his outside shooting like RCA, will open some eyes. . . as well as a few defenses. . . in the ACC. **Scott Petway** (6'5) brings 15.0 JC scoring credentials.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE Coach Jim Valvano has an exciting replacement for the terrific twosome of Dereck Whittenburg and Sydney Lowe in the person of diminutive **Anthony "Spud" Webb**. Despite his lack of physical stature, the 5'7 Webb has a fantastic 41-inch vertical jump. He leaped tall buildings in a single bound to average 14.6 points this past season. **Russell Pierre** (6'7) averaged 24.0 points and set a New York state tourney record with 27 rebounds in one game for North Babylon. **Rodney Butts** (6'7) carried a 17.0 scoring mark at Atlanta, GA. Mays, while 6'7 **Bennie Bolton** averaged 15.0 ppg on a balanced Hyattsville, MD., De Matha squad. **Terry Shackleford** is a talented 6'10 sleeper.



MARQUETTE New Coach Rick Majerus lost the big one when **Joe Wolf** got away to UNC, but he got a nice consolation prize by whisking rugged 6-10 **Tom Copă** away from Minnesota. Copă averaged 21.4 points and 13 rebounds for state runnerup Coon Rapids. **Tony Reeder**, a 6'6 forward, averaged 16 points for balanced Westchester, IL., St. Joe but he'll sit out his freshman year for academic reasons. Other signees include 6'3 New Yorker **Richard McCormick** (18 points, 7 assists), and Ohioan's **Herbert Harrison** (6'7) and guard **Robert Hall**.



WAKE FOREST The Deacons have inked an exciting 1-2 guard punch. They inked 6'7 All-America **Mark Cline**, West Virginia's premier player, who averaged 29 points, 13.8 rebounds and 6.3 assists for Williamson. They also signed Mr. Excitement, 5'3 **Tyrone Bogues**. Despite his lack of size, Bogues was the playmaker on Baltimore, MD., Dunbar's unbeaten national championship team and continually amazed onlookers with his steals and deft passing ability. The Deacons also have commitments from big men who could open a few eyes. One is 6'9, 225-pound **Mike Hillman** of Aitkin, MN., the other is sleeper **Craig Wessel**, who averaged 27 points and 14 rebounds for Elkhorn, WI.



VIRGINIA He's not **Ralph Sampson**, but 6'8 **Tom Sheehy** is one of the premier forwards in the prep ranks. Sheehy should be able to match Sampson's scoring statistics in college. . . if not his rebounding and intimidation. A great shooter, Sheehy averaged 25 points and 12.8 rebounds at Rochester, N.Y., Mcquaid. the Cavaliers also landed **Olden Polynice**, a 6'10 center with fine potential. Polynice averaged 22 ppg at Bronx, N.Y., All Hallows.

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- ★★★ Potential starter as a freshman, however, not likely to play pro ball.
- ★★ In most programs these players should start as Sophomores.
- ★ In most programs these players should start as Juniors.

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POINT AND SECOND GUARDS

James Blackmon	★★★★	6-3	Marion, IN	Kentucky
Dwayne Washington	★★★★	6-2	Brooklyn, NY	Syracuse
Antoine Joubert	★★★★	6-5	Detroit, MI	Michigan
Henry Dalrymple	★★★★	6-4	St. Johnsbury, VT	Georgia Tech
Kenny Hutchinson	★★★★	6-4	New York, NY	Arkansas
Kenny Smith	★★★★	6-4	Queens, NY	North Carolina
Curtis Aiken	★★★★	5-11	Buffalo, NY	Pittsburgh
Frank Ford	★★★★	6-4	Kissimmee, FL	Auburn
Mark Cline	★★★★	6-7	Williamson, WV	Wake Forest
Melvin Howard	★★★★	6-1	Decatur, GA	Georgia
Ricky Winslow	★★★★	6-8	Houston, TX	Houston
Fred Banks	★★★★	6-2	Las Vegas, NV	Nevada-Las Vegas
Keith Gatlin	★★★★	6-5	Greenville, NC	Maryland
Gerald White	★★★★	6-2	Augusta, GA	Auburn
Tim McCalister	★★★★	6-2	Gary, IN	Oklahoma
Harold Jensen	★★★	6-4	Trumbull, CT	Villanova
Anthony Moye	★★★	6-3	New Haven, CT	Prep School
Jimmy McCrimmon	★★★	6-0	Kissimmee, FL	JuCo
Fred Jenkins	★★★	6-3	Columbia, TN	Tennessee
Tommy Amaker	★★★	6-0	Fairfax, VA	Duke
Steve Alford	★★★	6-2	New Castle, IN	Indiana
Marty Simmons	★★★	6-5	Lawrenceville, IL	Indiana
Joe Stiffend	★★★	6-3	Chicago, IL	Cincinnati
Scott Hicks	★★★	6-3	Indianapolis, IN	Notre Dame
Johnny Fort	★★★	6-5	Gary, IN	Iowa
Craig Neal	★★★	6-4	Washington, IN	Georgia Tech
Dion Campbell	★★★	6-4	Michigan City, IN	Oklahoma State
Garde Thompson	★★★	6-2	Grand Rapids, MI	Michigan
Quincy Turner	★★★	6-2	Benton Harbor, MI	Michigan
Curtis Wilson	★★★	6-1	Akron, OH	Ohio State
Corey Gaines	★★★	6-3	Playa del Rey, CA	UCLA
Dave Immel	★★★	6-3	Hillsboro, OR	UCLA
Terry Conor	★★★	6-3	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
Mark Jackson	★★	6-2	Brooklyn, NY	St. John's
Nate Blackwell	★★	6-4	Philadelphia, PA	Temple
Rich Tarr	★★	6-1	Shamokin, PA	Penn State
Brad Goshien	★★	6-4	Bryant, AR	Mississippi
Terry Stewart	★★	6-3	Louisville, KY	Not Signed
Michael Foster	★★	6-2	Greensboro, NC	South Carolina
Dennis Williams	★★	6-3	Charleston, SC	Georgia
Len Bertolini	★★	6-3	Chicago, IL	Loyola
Walter Lewis	★★	5-11	Elkhart, IN	Ball State
Darryl Johnson	★★	6-2	Flint, MI	Michigan State
Tom Robinson	★★	6-2	Burnsville, MN	Not Signed
Ted Mimitz	★★	6-4	St. Louis, MO	Missouri
Mark McClendon	★★★	6-5	Youngstown, OH	Purdue
Dennis Hopson	★★	6-4	Toledo, OH	Ohio State
Mike Girardi	★★	6-6	Merced, CA	Brigham Young
Ivan Harris	★★	6-1	Padasdena, CA	Southern Cal
Scott Johnson	★★	6-4	Meredian, ID	S. Methodist
Michael Lee	★★	6-3	Las Vegas, NV	Colorado
Clay Damon	★★	6-3	Spokane, WA	Washington
Art Monroe	★	6-1	Baltimore, MD	Not Signed
Shawn Hood	★	5-8	Boston, MA	Cleveland State
Greg Monroe	★	6-2	Pittsford, NY	Syracuse
Elmer Anderson	★	6-0	Brooklyn, NY	St. Bonaventure
Rodney Rice	★	6-2	Washington, DC	Boston U.
Paul Andrews	★	6-3	London, KY	Kentucky
Vince Sanford	★	6-5	Lexington, KY	Kentucky
Gerald Jackson	★	6-4	Oakton, VA	Minnesota
Matt Mayes	★	6-3	Woodberry, VA	South Carolina
Chuck Taylor	★	5-11	Chicago, IL	Indiana State
Chris Berg	★	6-6	Arlington, IL	Northwestern
Hunter McDonald	★	6-4	Stanley, KN	Arkansas
Tony McDuffie	★	6-2	St. Louis, MO	Missouri

Cedric Hunter	★	6-0	Omaha, NE	Kansas
Jim Gilmore	★	6-3	Warren, OH	Not Signed
Darin Dunlap	★	6-2	Colorado Springs, CO	Colorado
Brad Davis	★	6-4	Lakewood, CO	Colorado
Scott Hurley	★	6-1	Anaconda, MT	Montana State
Ulf Spears	★	6-4	Portland, OR	Idaho
Ernest Sanders	★	6-2	Pasco, WA	Idaho

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Reggie Williams	★★★★	6-7	Baltimore, MD	Georgetown
Winston Bennett	★★★★	6-7	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
Tom Sheehy	★★★★	6-8	Rochester, NY	Virginia
Dallas Comegys	★★★★	6-8	Philadelphia, PA	DePaul
Nikita Wilson	★★★★	6-8	Leesville, LA	LSU
Terry Long	★★★★	6-8	Richmond, VA	Maryland
Kannard Johnson	★★★★	6-8	Cincinnati, OH	Western Kentucky
Don Franco	★★★	6-6	Linden, NJ	Virginia
Rico Washington	★★★	6-5	Philadelphia, PA	Commonwealth
Russell Pierre	★★★	6-7	Babylon, NY	JuCo
Marlon Ferguson	★★★	6-8	Monaca, PA	NC State
Larry Koretz	★★★	6-7	Wilkes Barre, PA	Pittsburgh
Bernard Campbell	★★★	6-6	Washington, DC	LaSalle
Bruce Pettway	★★★	6-7	Birmingham, AL	Not Signed
Mark Pace	★★★	6-5	Pulaski, AR	Alabama
Calodeis Canion	★★★	6-5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Memphis State
Ron Murphy	★★★	6-5	Oviedo, FL	South Alabama
Randy Allen	★★★	6-7	Milton, FL	Jacksonville
Terry Martin	★★★	6-5	Atlanta, GA	Florida State
Dwayne Rainey	★★★	6-7	Talbotton, GA	Auburn
Mark McSwain	★★★	6-6	Atlanta, GA	Georgia
Donald Royal	★★★	6-8	New Orleans, LA	Louisville
Anthony Robinson	★★★	6-7	Holly Spring, MS	Notre Dame
Willie McDuffie	★★★	6-7	Barnwell, SC	Miss. State
Carven Holcombe	★★★	6-5	Houston, TX	Jacksonville
Carlton McKinney	★★★	6-5	Nixon, TX	Texas Christian
Daryl Thomas	★★★	6-7	Westchester, IL	Tulsa
Tony Reeder	★★★	6-6	Westchester, IL	Indiana
Larry Bush	★★★	6-7	Chicago, IL	Marquette
Tom Schafer	★★★	6-7	Algonquin, IL	Memphis State
Brian Miles	★★★	6-6	Evansville, IN	Illinois
Derrick Dowell	★★★	6-6	Evansville, IN	Oral Roberts
Henry Carr	★★★	6-8	Wichita, KN	Southern Cal
David Johnson	★★★	6-7	Kansas City, KN	Wichita State
Mark German	★★★	6-7	Bronson, MI	Oklahoma
Brian Doss	★★★	6-6	Benton Harbor, MI	Toledo
Kevin Smith	★★★	6-6	Lansing, MI	Detroit
Lawrence West	★★★	6-7	San Diego, CA	Minnesota
Rick Berry	★★★	6-6	Morgan Hill, CA	DePaul
Sherlock Holmes	★★★	6-6	Colorado Springs, CO	Oregon State
Mike Winters	★★★	6-7	Albuquerque, NM	JC
Darryl Kennedy	★★★	6-6	Oklahoma City, OK	New Mexico
Kevin Rehl	★★★	6-6	Velma-Alma, OK	Oklahoma
Archie Marshall	★★★	6-6	Tulsa, OK	Arkansas
Todd Meier	★★★	6-8	Oshkosh, WI	Seminole JC
Jim Beatie	★★★	6-8	Hillsboro, OR	Indiana
Reggie Miller	★★★	6-6	Riverside, CA	California
Sie Moore	★★★	6-5	Ogden, UT	UCLA
Bennie Bolton	★★	6-7	Hyattsville, MD	Utah
Willie Glass	★★	6-5	Atlantic City, NJ	NC State
Jerome White	★★	6-8	Camden, NJ	St. John's
Ed Zuckor	★★	6-8	Englishtown, NJ	Alabama
Fred Burton	★★	6-4	Fresh Meadows, NY	Rutgers
John Bowen	★★	6-7	Warren, PA	Alabama
Paul Grubb	★★	6-7	Greensburg, PA	Notre Dame
Eric Smisch	★★	6-8	Fort Washington, PA	Not Signed
Rodney Butts	★★	6-7	Atlanta, GA	West Virginia
Eddie Pope	★★	6-8	Hattiesburg, MS	NC State
Michael Smith	★★	6-7	Hattiesburg, MS	Southern Miss.
Gerald Perry	★★	6-8	Columbia, SC	Western Kentucky
Dwayne Bailey	★★	6-9	Memphis, TN	South Carolina
Bruce Tranbarger	★★	6-6	Kingsport, TN	Memphis State
Tyrus Baynham	★★	6-6	Nashville, TN	Mississippi
Stacey Belcher	★★	6-7	Houston, TC	Western Kentucky
Jay Crane	★★	6-8	Fort Worth, TX	Houston
DeWayne Brown	★★	6-5	Dallas, TX	Arkansas
Phil Williams	★★	6-6	Radford, VA	Baylor
Jerry Hargrove	★★	6-5	Richmond, VA	Virginia Tech
Dave Snedeker	★★	6-8	Springfield, IL	Virginia Union
Blake Burnham	★★	6-8	Council Bluffs, IA	Iowa
Kent Hill	★★	6-7	Wichita, KS	Toledo
Dan Majerle	★★	6-6	Traverse City, MI	Iowa
Eric Riggins	★★	6-8	Passaic, NJ	Central Michigan

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Robert Ursery	**	6-5	St. Louis, MO	Iowa
Cecil Estes	*	6-5	Columbia, MO	Missouri
Rod Ripley	*	6-8	Pulaski, WI	Wisconsin
J. J. Weber	*	6-7	Wales, WI	Wisconsin
Keith Neubert	*	6-5	Fort Atkinson, WI	Nebraska
Eric Holloway	*	6-7	Oakland, CA	Arizona State
Ira Harge	*	6-7	Albuquerque, NM	San Diego State
Karl McCauley	*	6-5	Oklahoma City, OK	Lamar

Name	Rating	Ht.	City-State	School
POST PLAYERS				
Dave Popson	****	6-10	Kingston, PA	North Carolina
Tom Curry	****	6-9	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU
Mike Smith	****	6-10	Hacienda Heights, CA	Brigham Young
Joe Wolf	****	6-10	Kohler, WI	North Carolina
Raynard Davis	****	6-10	San Antonio, TX	Texas
Barry Sumpter	****	6-11	Lovejoy, IL	Louisville
Carl Pollard	****	7-2	Orem, UT	Brigham Young
Christian Welp	****	7-0	Silverdale, WA	Washington
Michael Graham	***	6-9	Washington, DC	Maryland
Michael Rutledge	***	6-9	Centreville, AL	Auburn
Steve Reece	***	6-9	Lawrenceville, GA	Vanderbilt

John Snodgrass	***	6-11	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee
William Bedford	***	6-11	Memphis, TN	Memphis State
John Culbertson	***	6-9	Mouth of Wilson, VA	Iowa State
Paul Van Den Einde	***	7-0	Willmar, MN	Minnesota
Tom Copa	***	6-10	Coon Rapids, MN	Marquette
Martin Nessley	***	7-2	Columbia, OH	Duke
Augusta Binelli	***	7-0	Long Island, NY	Italy
Damon Vance	***	6-10	Vallejo, CA	LSU
Richard Robinson	***	6-11	Granada Hills, CA	Nevada-Las Veg.
Charlie Simpson	***	6-9	Aurora, CO	Southern Cal
Terry Williams	**	6-9	Newburgh, NY	S. Methodist
Olden Polynice	**	6-9	Bronx, NY	Virginia
Will Perdue	**	6-10	Merritt Island, FL	Vanderbilt
Mike Carpenter	**	7-1	Knoxville, TN	Minnesota
Dave Holmgren	**	7-0	Pryor Lake, MN	Not Signed
Brian Rahilly	**	6-9	Muskogee, OK	Tulsa
Mike Brown	*	6-10	Wilmington, DE	Rutgers
Eric Jackson	*	6-10	Detroit, MI	Detroit
Robert Cornegy	*	6-11	Queens, NY	St. John's
Bill Braksick	*	7-0	Flanagan, IL	Illinois State
Rusty Doyle	*	6-9	Frankfort, IN	Miami O.
Mike Amundson	*	6-9	Loveland, CO	Wyoming
Michael Burns	*	6-11	Englewood, CO	Arizona State
Brent Counts	*	6-9	Gervais, OR	Pacific

THE NATION'S FABULOUS 50 JUNIORS

Name	Ht.	City/State
Robert Barnes	6-7	Racine, WI
Skip Barry	6-7	Nashua, NH
Matt Beeuwsaert	6-6	Santa Ana, CA
Rodney Blake	6-8	Philadelphia, PA
Ricky Blanton	6-6	Miami, FL
Dwight Boyd	6-4	Memphis, TN
Delray Brooks	6-4	Michigan City, IN
Michael Brown	6-3	Baltimore, MD
Derrick Chievous	6-6	Flushing, NY
Herbert Crook	6-7	Louisville, KY
Edward Davender	66-2	Brooklyn, NY
Duane Ferrell	6-6	Towson, MD
Demetrius Gore	6-6	Detroit, MI
Gary Grant	6-2	Canton, OH
Terry Griggley	5-10	Clearwater, FL
Kerry Hammonds	6-7	Macon, GA
Cedric Henderson	6-8	Marietta, GA
John Hodges	6-7	Denver, CO
Craig Jackson	6-8	Denver, CO
Vernon Johnson	6-6	Phoenix, AZ
Tyrone Jones	6-6	Washington, DC
Brian Kasbar	6-7	Summit, NJ
Troy Lewis	6-4	Anderson, IN
Robert Lock	6-11	Reedley, CA
Al Lorenzen	6-7	Cedar Rapids, IA
Richard Madison	6-8	Memphis, TN
Danny Manning	6-10	Greensboro, NC
Tim Martin	6-10	Ridgeway, VA
Grady Mateen	6-11	Akron, OH
Roger McClendon	6-6	Champaign, IL
Ron Meyer	6-9	Haysville, KN
Eugene Miles	6-10	Dorchester, MA
Steve Miller	6-6	Lexington, KY
Chris Morris	6-6	Atlanta, GA
Conley Phipps	6-2	Cleveland, OK
Mark Plansky	6-6	Wakefield, MA
Dave Rivers	6-1	Jersey City, NJ
Chris Sandle	6-6	Long Beach, CA
Kenny Saunders	6-6	Washington, DC
Charlie Smith	6-9	Bridgeport, CN
Kreigh Smith	6-7	Tipton, IN
Shelton Smith	6-0	Indianapolis, IN
Steve Smith	6-4	Kettering, OH
Arthur Thomas	5-11	Tulsa, OK
Gary Thompkins	6-3	Jackson, MI
Johnny Thompson	6-8	Lawrenceville, VA
Gary Voce	6-10	Bronx, NY
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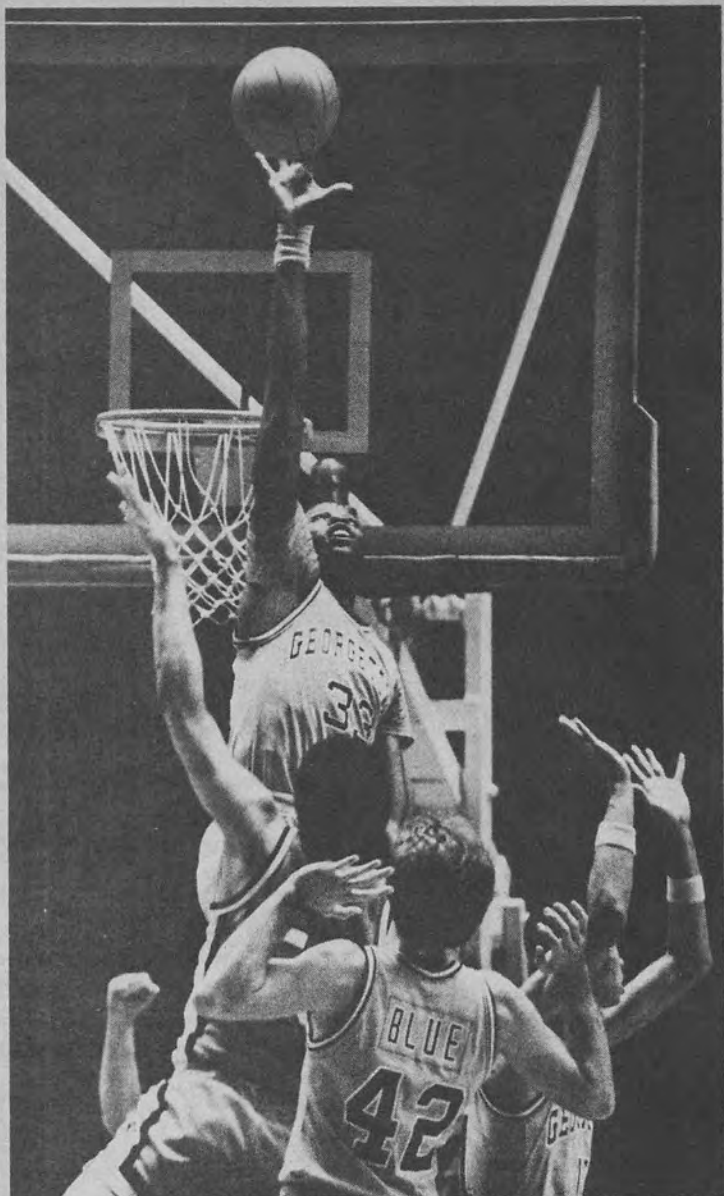
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Big East

Georgetown (22-10)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

It starts, of course, with Patrick Ewing at center, the nation's premier pivot man, and continues from there. This is yet another deep and talented Hoya squad John Thompson will lead into the 1983-84 season, and while there's only two seniors on the roster, Georgetown's youthful forces should be a top national and Big East contender.

Center Ewing, a 7-0 junior, carried averages of 17.7 points and 10.2 rebounds while blocking 106 shots last season, earning the league's defensive player-of-the-year award for the second time. The front line was hurt by Anthony Jones' decision to sit out this year, but a quartet of returnees to this area with letter-winning credentials are 6-7 junior Bill Martin, 6-11 junior Ralph Dalton, 6-9 soph Victor Morris and 6-8 soph David Dunn. Martin was last year's second best rebounder with 6.3 caroms per outing while he also scored at a 10.6 rate. The Hoyas signed only one new recruit, 6-7 frosh swing man Reggie Williams, but he's a blue-chipper of the highest order who led Baltimore's Dunbar HS to 59 consecutive victories over the past two years.

In the back court, Georgetown has two outstanding soph talents in 6-1 Michael Jackson (11.6) and 6-5 David Wingate (12.0), both selected to last season's Big East all-rookie team. The key to strong overall guard play, though, will be 6-5 senior Fred Brown, a superb playmaker and defender plagued by an injured knee last season. Rounding out the veteran back line crew are 6-2 senior Gene Smith and 6-1 soph Horace Broadnax.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: John Thompson has been consistently successful during his Hoya stint, and 1983-84 sees more of the same in store for Georgetown. Ewing and Martin will lead a solid front line while Brown and sophs Jackson and Wingate key a strong and deep guard contingent. All in all, this year's Hoyas should be a very strong challenger for title honors in the Big East and almost certainly a Top Twenty club on the national scene.

St. John's (28-5)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Avg.

The "Beast of the East" shall be heard from loud and clear again in 1983-84, as Coach Louie Carnesecca has himself another strong contingent in Redmen country. Leading the St. John's charge will be 6-6 junior guard Chris Mullin, a sweet-shooting southpaw who was picked last season's Big East "player of the year."

Mullin, who fired in 19.1 ppg his soph campaign, will need a new running mate in the back court with point guard Bob Kelly having graduated. The most experienced applicant for that job is 6-4 soph letterman Rob James (2.0), but a pair of newcomers who could move him aside are 5-11 Mike Moses, a transfer from the U. of Florida, and 6-3 freshman Mark Jackson, the sparkplug for the NY City Bishop Loughlin club that won last year's New York state title.

Up front, the Redmen return their 1-2 centers in 6-10 senior Jeff Allen (4.4/4.4) and 7-0 junior Bill Wennington (5.5/4.4) while further deepening this position will be the arrival of 6-11 freshman Rob Cornegy. Both David Russell and Billy Goodwin must be replaced at the forwards, however, and the worst part is there's only one experienced corner man still in camp, 6-8 junior Ron Stewart (3.0/1.6). A pair of incoming freshmen who should help alleviate the cloud over the forward positions are 6-5 Willie Glass and 6-8 Walter Berry, although at present the Redmen are fighting a court battle against the NCAA to insure Berry's eligibility for the 1983-84 campaign. The Redmen need Berry at forward.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Success and Louie Carnesecca have gone hand-in-hand almost since day one of his arrival at St. John's cage skipper, and that pattern figures to continue this season. All-America candidate Mullin leads what should be a strong Redmen guard contingent while Allen and Wenn-

ington insure strength at center, but unless Russell and Goodwin can be replaced at forward, St. John's may have to settle for less than last year's 28-5 mark. Still, look for this team to be in the thick of the Big East race while a return to the NCAAs is also a definite for the Redmen.

Boston College (25-7)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Eagles have won two regular season Big East titles in the past three years, with last season's 25 victories setting a new school record. The only key player missing is top scorer and high NBA draftee John Garris at power forward, prompting BC skipper Gary Williams to comment: "Looking ahead to the upcoming season, we must make up for the loss of John Garris' inside scoring and rebounding. We also want to continue to play an uptempo game, yet to do so we must improve our drop-back defense and our ability to rebound."

Leading the Eagle board pounders is 6-10 senior All-America candidate Jay Murphy (17.7/8.1), last year's runnerup scorer and top rebounder. 6-8 senior Martin Clark (8.4/4.0) is also back at his customary front line spot. Letter winners after the final starting job inside are 6-4 junior small forward Terrence Talley and the soph duo of 6-5 Roger McCready and 6-6 Mike Sinicki, with 6-8 Russell Doherty returning after redshirting in 1982-83 due to injury. Doherty still retains freshman eligibility, while this year's frosh talent hunt turned up 6-8 New Jersey prep all-stater Troy Bowers.

Out front, the Eagles return both starting guards in deft 5-10 junior point man Michael Adams (16.2/17.0 assists/88 steals) and 6-3 soph Dominic Pressley (5.9), a starter 31 times his frosh year. Adams is the premier point guard in the Big East and possibly in the entire realm of College Basketball. This mite-mite does make things happen! Offering veteran back line support are 6-3 junior Stu Primus, 6-0 senior Tim O'Shea, 6-2 junior Mark Schmidt and 6-5 soph Ted Kelley. This year's other new recruit is 6-2 freshman guard Rodney Rice, selected prep "player of the year" in Washington, D.C.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Eagles have been one of the Big East's class acts since the league's original formation, and BC should be up with the best of 'em again in 1983-84. Twenty wins and a return to the NCAAs is the forecast for second-year mentor Gary Williams' BC roundballers.

Syracuse (21-10)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

It may not be long before cries of "Pearl, Pearl!" are ringing through the Carrier Dome as SU cage fans pay tribute to one of the finest recruits in school history, 6-2 freshman guard Dwayne "The Pearl" Washington. An awesome all-round talent, Washington had averages of 35 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and four steals his final year at Boys and Girls HS - and mind you, we're talking Boys and Girls High in prep basketball hotbed Brooklyn, NY!

Washington and fellow frosh signee 6-3 Greg Monroe, (a 24 ppg scorer his final schoolboy season) arrive just in time at guard for the Orangemen, because the only experienced holdovers in this area are 6-1 senior Gene Waldron (9.3/12.9 assists) and 6-5 junior Sonny Spera (2.8). Such concern exists in the back line, in fact, that you may see talented 6-7 soph forward Rafael Addison swinging to guard.

Addison (8.4/3.1), last year's super sub, figures to see regular action at forward and guard this season while up front, SU's other returning regular is 6-8 junior center Andre Hawkins (5.5/3.4). Chief among the veteran bidders for the third front line spot are 6-9 soph Wendell Alexis (5.6/4.4) and 6-8 senior Sean Kerins (4.2/2.1), while other letter-winners returning in this area are juniors 6-9 Pete Wynne and 6-10 Larry O'Neill. New inside recruits, both frosh signees, are 6-11 Canadian George Papadakos and 6-5 Howard Triche. Papadakos, tallest of the Orangemen, will probably need time to develop.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Orangemen have run up an

impressive .750 winning percentage under Coach Jim Boehelm, whose teams have made seven straight post-season appearances and rung up six 20-win campaigns under Boehelm. The loss of Leo Rautins, Erich Santifer and Tony "Red" Bruin, all NBA draftees, is bound to hurt somewhat, but with the addition of "Pearl" Washington and the maturation of young talents like Addison and Alexis, look for another strong SU roundball contingent in 1983-84.

Villanova (24-8)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Long has the tradition been a winning one at Villanova, where six times over the past seven years Coach Rollie Massimino has led the Wildcats to 20-plus wins and NCAA Tournament appearances the last four years running. But to keep that string going in 1983-84, Coach Mas must conjure replacements for two of the finest players in the school's cage history, John Pinone at center and point guard Stewart Granger, plus hard working forward Mike Mulquin. "We lost close to 4,000 points, 1,400 rebounds and over 900 assists when those three graduated," bemoans Massimino.

Nova's new front line bulwark will be 6-10 junior forward Ed Pinckney (12.5/9.7), an All-America candidate who excelled this summer while playing for the U.S. team in the Pan American games. Once more swinging between forward and guard is 6-6 junior Dwayne McClain (10.6/3.3), a great outside shooter with blistering quickness on the fast break, while also returning inside is 6-7 soph Harold Pressley (4.5/4.5), a starter in 22 games and the team's "outstanding defensive player" award winner his frosh season. Being counted on to appease the loss of burly All-American Pinone in the middle is the tallish but ill-experienced soph duo of 7-0 Chuck Everson (1.3/1.3) and 6-11 Wyatt Maker (1.0/1.2). Just arriving is 6-7 freshman and former Texas prep all-stater Connally Brown.

The gem, though, of this year's Wildcat frosh class is 6-4 Harold Jensen, a "Parade Magazine" prep A-A who averaged 23 points and 5.5 assists his final year at Connecticut's Trumbull HS. Jensen will be given every opportunity to take right over at the graduated Granger's guard spot, while foremost of the veteran holdovers on the back line are 6-0 junior Gary McLain (4.7), who ran second to Granger last season with 88 assists, along with 6-5 senior Frank "Happy" Dobbs (2.8) and 6-2 soph Dwight Wilbur (2.8). McLain, Dobbs and Wilbur all started games this past season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Rollie Massimino always seems to turn out classy Wildcat cage teams, and the 1983-84 edition will be no different. But the dual loss of NBA draftees Pinone and Granger, the team's spiritual leaders their final years at Nova, will sorely test the Wildcats ability to notch another 20-win season in 1983-84.

Pittsburgh (13-15)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Avg.

Respect should come easier for the Panthers, who welcome back nine of last year's top 10 scorers, as Pitt enters its second season of Big East membership. "The next step," comments Panther hoop mentor Roy Chipman, "is being able to go out on a certain night and beat (Big East) teams like Syracuse, St. John's and Georgetown and having people realize that maybe it wasn't such a great upset after all."

Leading this year's Pitt cagers is the league's defending scoring champion, 6-4 senior small forward Clyde Vaughan (21.9/9.2), while other front line holdovers with veteran experience are 6-8 junior Andre Williams (9.1/5.0), 6-7 junior Chip Watkins (2.6/2.1), 6-9 soph Keith Armstrong (1.4/1.4) and 6-9 senior Steve Beatty (1.4/0.8). Newcomers to this area include a pair of transfers, 6-9 soph Jeff Robinson via Cincinnati U. and 6-5 soph and former Duquesne cager Darryl Shepherd, along with heralded 6-8 freshman Marlon Ferguson, rated the premier prep prospect in Western Pennsylvania.

The Panthers return both starting guards in 6-1 senior point man Billy Culbertson (6.6/14.3 assists) and 6-0 junior George Allen (9.0), although one could wind up taking a backseat this season to promising 6-5 soph letterman Joey David (4.5), top scorer among the Pitt non-regulars his frosh season. The lone new back court recruit, but a blue-chipper all the way, is 5-11 freshman Curtis Aiken, who originally committed to Kansas

but then switched to Pitt when the Jayhawks changed head coaches. His final year at Buffalo, NY's Bennett HS, Aiken led the nation's schoolboy ranks in scoring with a scintillating 40.0 ppg average. To say Aiken likes to put the ball up is like saying James Beard enjoys good cooking.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The 1982-83 Panthers finished sixth league-wide in their first year of Big East competition, and Coach Chipman sees a good chance of his cage forces moving up the conference ladder this coming season. Led by A-A prospect Vaughan, possibly college ball's finest small forward, the 1983-84 Panthers appear more than capable of cracking the Big East's first division their second year of league membership.

Connecticut (12-16)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Avg.

There was no respite for last year's Huskies, in or out of the Big East conference, as UConn faced what was rated as the nation's eighth toughest schedule in 1982-83. But with this year's slate a mite less back-breaking and all but one key player returning, not to mention a quartet of promising new arrivals, Coach Dom Perno's Huskies could push their won-lost ledger back into the black.

UConn's true strength is what may be the finest guard duo in the Big East, 5-8 senior point man Karl Hobbs (11.8/11.4 assists) and 6-1 soph Earl Kelley (16.7). Though neither is overly big, Hobbs and Kelley can both be murder just the same. First off the bench at guard will be 5-11 senior Vernon Gilscombe (9.4), a starter himself until Kelley's arrival last year, while two new backliners to watch are 6-5 JUCO transfer Alvin Frederick, a first team NJCAA All-America, and 6-7 frosh swing man Gerry Besselink.

Up front, the Huskies return three players who started 1982-83 games in 6-9 junior Larry Blucher (2.9/4.6) and the soph duo of 6-6 Eddie Williams (7.6/4.7) and 6-7 Tim Coles (5.3/5.0). Looking to bounce back from an injury haunted year is 6-9 junior Mike Vaughan (1.0/1.5) while a pair of new front line additions are 6-8 JUCO product Ray Broxton and 6-6 freshman Ken Henry, whom the UConn athletic publicity people are calling a potential "major" sleeper.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last season marked the first time since his initial year at the UConn helm (an 11-15 finish in 1977-78) that the Huskies slipped below .500 under Dom Perno. Prospects are good for a return to plus-.500 ways for this year's UConn roundballers, but it's unrealistic to expect this team to be more than a spoiler in the Big East championship chase.

Providence (12-19)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Just as we said in this space a year ago, scheduling could again be the biggest thing standing between Coach Joe Mullaney's 1983-84 Friars and a return to the school's former winning hardwood ways. Hell-fire, before even getting into their Big East slate this season -- which promises to be another game-by-game meat grinder -- Providence must tackle non-league competition the likes of Arizona, Marquette, Holy Cross, Long Island University and Rhode Island.

PC's prime returnee and the Big East's defending rebounding champ is 6-9 senior Otis Thorpe (16.1/8.0), while four more front line vets who answered the starting whistle last season are 6-6 senior Sean Canty (5.2/3.8), 6-6 junior Keith Lomax (4.3/3.2), 6-9 junior Ray Knight (2.9/2.7) and 6-5 soph Alan Roth (2.6/1.6). Heading the cast of new inside arrivals is 6-10 freshman Jacek Duda, a former player with the Polish Junior National Team, 6-7 fellow frosh signee David Kipfer and 6-5 JUCO transfer Brian Waller. Kipfer, a Canadian native, was regarded as one of that country's premier prep players.

Out front, the graduation of four-year point guard regular Ricky Tucker will hurt, especially since the only back court holdover with much genuine experience is 6-1 senior Carl Hill (3.9). The Friars also have high expectations for the soph guard threesome of 6-1 Donald Brown, 5-11 Harold Starks and 6-3 Dick Pennefather, while a pair of just arriving frosh back line prospects are 6-5 Ernest Lewis and 5-11 William Donovan.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Friars finished eighth in the nine-team Big East last season with the school's fifth straight losing cage record. This year's PC roundballers will not be

without their share of strong points, most notably All-American forward candidate Thorpe, but given the somewhat questionable state of the back court and the schedule Providence must tackle in 1983-84, this could be another sub-.500 year coming up.

Seton Hall (6-23)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Too often the Pirates have been unable to keep pace in the fast lanes of the Big East conference, but second-year skipper P.J. Carlesimo sees improvement ahead for his club with all five starters back and a like number of talented new recruits coming on board. "We have continuity this year," assesses Carlesimo, "something we didn't have last year."

Despite his relative youth, the Hall's front line mainstay is 6-6 soph forward Andre McCloud (16.6/6.6), voted the top rookie in the Metropolitan area last season after leading the Pirates in scoring, rebounding, blocked shots and minutes played. The 6-6 senior tandem of Marvin Morris (9.0/4.0) and Tom Brown (6.1/2.9), as well as 6-7 junior Nate Rogers (6.5/3.5) also have starting experience inside, while back after missing 1982-83 with injuries are 6-7 junior Sir John Collins and 6-6 senior Michael Ingram. Just arrived in this area are a pair of JUCO transfers, 6-9 Jim Wood and 6-6 Phil Whitaker.

Out front, the Pirates return both guard regulars in 6-3 senior point man Ken Powell (8.8/10.9 assists) and 6-5 soph Ricky Burton (6.1/team high 42 steals), but graduation wiped out the remainder of the veteran guard cupboard. Therefore, three newcomers who will have to help right away are JUCOs 6-3 Ransom Eaves, 6-0 Mike Jones and 6-2 freshman Brad Broussard, this year's lone frosh recruit.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This appears to be perhaps Seton Hall's best team since their Big East days started, but still and all the Pirates have some rough sledding ahead. Inside, the Hall's lack of a true big man is a severe handicap, as probably will be too the team's lack of experienced depth at guards. Last place in the Big East again seems the destiny of this year's Pirate roundballers.

Atlantic Ten

St. Joseph's (15-13)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

After winning 25 games and going to the NCAA Tournament each of the previous two years, last season's Hawks slipped to 15-13. Coach Jim Boyle, however, anticipates a better St. Joe team in 1983-84. "Our young players have gained valuable experience, and our older players want very badly to improve on last season," comments Boyle. "We'll be a darkhorse in the Atlantic 10."

The Hawks welcome back two-thirds of their starting front line in 6-10 senior center Tony Costner (15.2/9.3/school record 60 blocked shots) and 6-7 junior forward Bob Lojewski (18.2/7.7). Lettermen after the vacant forward spot are 6-10 senior Kevin Springman (1.7/1.2) and 6-7 soph Dave Slattery (1.8/1.5), while new recruits for the inside, both frosh signees, are 6-6 Jack Concannon and Jim Carr, prep teammates on the Monsignor Bonner team that won last year's Philadelphia Catholic League championship.

Orchestrating St. Joe's offense again will be rangy 6-6 soph guard/forward Maurice "Mo" Martin (10.4/12.1 assists/7.4 steals), while a good bet to start at the other guard is fellow soph, 6-3 Wayne Williams (7.8). Other back line vets are 6-1 soph Geoff Arnold, 6-2 soph Glenn Welton and 6-0 senior Bill Mitchell with this year's frosh recruiting efforts turning up 5-9 guard prospect James "Bruiser" Flint. Though diminutive, the St. Joe coaches feel Flint could be one of the most exciting players to don the Crimson and Gray.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With runnerup scorer Lonnie McFarlan the only costly graduation loss, this should indeed be a stronger 1983-84 Hawks roundball team. But a simply brutal schedule in and out of the Atlantic 10 will make a return to the 20-win level a major doing.

Temple (14-15)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Consistency and fewer injuries, those are the two key ingredients for the Owls to return to the ranks of the winning this season. At least that's the assessment of Temple hardwood mentor John Chaney, who'll build his club around sharp-shooting 6-5 senior All-American guard candidate Terence Stansbury, who last season drilled 24.6 ppg to rank among the Division 1-A scoring leaders.

Stansbury's back court sidekick will again be 6-4 senior Jim McLoughlin (16.3), No. 2 scorer and top assists man (12.2) a year ago. Best of the reserve guards is 6-6 soph swingman Kevin Clifton, while the Owls also hope to have back 6-3 soph and 1982-83 injured redshirt Ed Coe. This year's lone new recruit, 6-4 freshman Nate Blackwell, is a welcome addition to this area.

Another veteran felled by injury a year ago, 6-8 junior Granger Hall, is being counted on to help bolster an Owl front line out-boarded 1,200 to 1,087 last season. Foremost of the other inside returnees are 6-5 junior Charles Rayne (10.8/6.1), last season's third best scorer and top rebounder, 6-6 senior Pete Aguilar (7.6/5.0), 6-9 senior Colin McNish (4.2/4.6), and 6-7 senior Steve Warfel (2.2/1.7). "If these players develop consistency," Coach Chaney ascertains, "the future could be brighter." If not, the 1983-84 Owls are again in danger of losing the battle of the boards, which most often in basketball translates into a losing season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Prospects are up for this year's Owls with all the veterans they have on call once more, but there are chinks to be sure in Temple's armor. None is more glaring, however, than lack of board pounding muscle in the front line, although the potential is there for improvement in this area. If such turns out to be the case, all other indicators point to a winning record for the 1983-84 Owls.

West Virginia (23-8)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Consistent success has gone hand-in-hand with Gale Catlett's stewardship of WVU's basketball fortunes, and that trend should continue in 1983-84 despite the loss of ace guard Greg Jones plus several other key players. Returning, though, are three regulars led by one of the East's premier small forwards in 6-5 junior leaper Lester Rowe.

Rowe (10.6/6.6), starting his third year as a regular, heads a veteran Mountaineer front line also numbering 6-11 senior Tim Kearney (7.7/6.2), who has been coming fast at the pivot spot, 6-5 soph Renardo Brown (4.1/3.2), 6-5 senior Mike King (3.6/2.5) and 6-9 junior Adam Powell (1.4/0.8). Somewhat concerned about depth in this area, the WVU coaching staff went on an off-season recruiting binge that turned up three freshmen frontliners—6-9 Darrell Pinckney, 6-8 Eric Semisch and 7-0 Lyle Shannon. Reputedly the best of those incoming frosh is Pennsylvania prep all-stater Semisch.

On the back line, it won't be easy to replace Greg Jones, while graduation also cost this area Quentin Freeman and Tony Washam. Veteran guard returnees are 6-4 soph Dale Blaney (6.9), a starter most of his frosh campaign, along with fellow soph 6-1 J.J. Crawl (1.8) and 6-2 Vernon Odom (1.4). This year's final new recruit is 6-2 freshman Lee Weary out of Memphis, Tenn.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although graduation claimed 1-2 scorers and NBA draftees Greg Jones at guard and forward Russel Todd, this shapes up as another strong WVU cage contingent. Paced by spectacular leaper Rowe and the blossoming soph guard trio of Blaney, Crawl and Odom, this year's Mountaineers should again be in the run for Atlantic 10 title honors.

George Washington (14-15)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Just as John Thompson has forged a new cage destiny in his years as coach at cross-town rival Georgetown, so, too, are prospects getting brighter all the time for the GWU Colonials of third-year skipper Gerry Gimelstob. "This year," Gimelstob confidently predicts, "we're looking for the kind of season in

which we can compete for the conference (Atlantic 10) championship." And you know what? **GAMEPLAN** expects exactly the same from the 1983-84 Colonials.

Up front for GWU, 6-9 junior center and two-time all-league pick Mike Brown (17.0/10.3), last year's Atlantic 10 rebounding champ, heads a battle-decorated cast also numbering 6-9 senior Doug Vander Wal (2.1/2.1) and the soph quartet of 6-6 Darryl Webster (6.9/4.4), 6-5 Chester Wood (6.7/2.3), 6-6 Craig Helms (3.8/3.6) and 6-5 swingman Steve Frick (2.6/1.8). Also slated for swingman duties is 6-5 incoming freshman Bernard Woodside, but the reputed gem of this year's frosh class is 6-6 Tim Dawson, a standout on last year's No. 1 nationally ranked prep team, Baltimore's Dunbar HS.

Although only a mere sophomore, 6-4 Troy Webster (17.1) spearheads the Colonial guard contingent after reaping Atlantic 10 "Rookie of the Year" honors last season. The previous year, GWU forward Brown had won the same award, so it's obvious Coach Gimelstob and his staff have been doing their recruiting homework. Point guard duties will again be in the capable hands of 5-11 soph Mike O'Reilly (6.7/12.1 assists), while support on the back line will come from 6-0 senior and ace sixth man Dave Hobel (6.5), plus 6-4 incoming frosh shooting guard Brian Butler, a 21.3 scorer his final prep campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Look out you West Virginias, Rutgers and St. Joe's of the Atlantic 10 -- look out for this year's still youthful yet experience-heavy Colonials. Kudos are in order for Coach Gerry Gimelstob for the surprisingly quick rebuilding job he's done at GWU, and this year's is potentially the strongest Colonial cage squad since the 20-7 edition of 1975-76. **GAMEPLAN** is even impressed enough to go out on a limb and predict that, with what graduation has cost many other Atlantic 10 members, the 1983-84 GWU roundballers just might up and win this year's league title and if so -- 'member, you heard it first from us!

St. Bonaventure (20-10)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Avg.

Tucked away in the rural setting of Olean in upstate New York, St. Bonaventure has turned out one fine basketball team after another over the years. Need proof? Okay, check out the fact that over the past 27 years of college roundball action only four major college teams have never has a losing season during that span -- Kentucky, Louisville, UCLA and, yep, the Bonnies!

Although graduation claimed early NBA pick Mark Jones at point guard, second-year Bona skipper Jim O'Brien feels confident that slack can be picked up by 6-2 senior Norman Clarke (10.5), who ran second to Jones with 90 assists last season, and 6-4 senior Mike Sheehy (13.6), a starter at small forward a year ago who'll see increased guard duty in 1983-84. A third back court holdover with letter-winning experience is 6-1 soph Doug Turner (2.6), with this year's incoming frosh class supplying 6-1 Elmer Anderson and 5-10 Alvin Lott, both products of NY City's prep basketball hotbed where his final year at Brooklyn's Boys and Girls HS Anderson poured in 25.3 ppg and earned first team all-city selection. Anderson was rated one of the nation's top 150 prep prospects by the "All-Star Basketball Report."

Graduation also claimed 1-2 rebounders Eric Stover and Rob Garbade out of Bona's front line, which does welcome back two vets with starting knowhow in 6-5 junior Rob Samuels (7.6/4.0) and 6-8 soph Barry Mungar (4.3/2.8). Most prominent of the other inside returnees are 6-6 soph Kerry Corbett (3.4/1.3) and 6-7 junior Michael Hunt (1.3/1.5), while the last of this year's frosh recruits are 6-9 Patrick Allen, 6-8 Tom Boney and 6-7 Chris Chader. Allen, a two-time West Virginia prep all-stater, is being hailed as heir apparent to the departed Stover at the pivot spot and how Allen comes along his freshman year could decide the Bonnies front line fate.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The winning beat should continue in Olean despite the graduation losses sustained by second-year skipper O'Brien's Bona cagers. This is a team without any true individual stars but good balance, an up-tempo running offense and glue-tight defense should again enable the Bonnies to forge out a plus-.500 finish in 1983-84.

Massachusetts (9-20)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

Pay back is always a bitch, they say, and there are certain Atlantic 10 league members who'll find that out when they

again try bullying the Minutemen as usual this season. Hell, Charles Atlas himself would have trouble kicking sand in the faces of a 1983-84 UMass cage squad that returns EVERYONE from last year's team, including all-league picks Edwin Green at power forward and point guard Donald Russell (13.3/2.5).

Green (12.7/7.7), a 6-7 senior beginning his fourth year of starting duty, leads an all-veteran regular front line also returning for full-time action 6-7 soph John Hempel (16.2/6.0), who set a school frosh scoring record last season, and 6-5 junior Horace Neysmith (11.7/8.1). The tallest of the Minutemen, 6-9 soph letterman Tom Emerson (1.0/1.0), is rated a comer in a backup inside cast that goes on to include 6-6 junior Bobby Braun (5.1/4.7), 6-6 junior George Ramming (0.5/0.9) and 6-8 junior Skip Connors (4.9/2.1).

Point man Russell's 61 assists last season were actually bettered by the 74 of 6-4 junior and fellow holdover back court regular Ron Young (5.4). Off the bench in this area, the veteran cupboard contains 6-5 soph Darryl Carter (2.1/51 feeds) and 6-4 senior swingman Craig Smith (1.3), while new to the UMass back line are 6-3 Ryder College transfer Jackie Sheehan and whippet-quick 5-11 freshman Carl Smith.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A very pleasant situation did Ron Gerlufsen walk into when he arrived in Amherst to begin his first year as UMass cage pilot. Like we said early on, Gerlufsen inherited EVERY player of real significance, headlined by stalwarts Green up front and Russell on the back line. We're a bit hesitant yet to predict an outright winning year for the 1983-84 Minutemen, but we can guarantee you one thing for damned sure -- no Atlantic 10 member will be taking UMass lightly this season!

Rutgers (23-8)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Above Avg.

It's a major rebuilding project facing Scarlet Knight skipper Tom Young, who must replace four players who supplied 50 of last year's team 70.6 ppg and 23 of Rutgers' 32.7 rebounding average. Young has brought in a half-dozen freshmen recruits to fill those holes, but this looks to be something of a transition year for the Scarlet Knight basketballers.

The lone returning starter is 6-1 junior guard Brian Ellerbe (9.3), last year's No. 2 assists man (112) and tops on the squad in steals with 33. Lettermen returning on the back line are 6-2 junior John Battle (5.9), 6-4 junior swing man Ron Moses (1.8) and 6-2 junior Sam Randolph (1.0) while newly arrived is 6-0 frosh point guard Steve Brown.

Newcomers will have to have an immediate impact up front for the Scarlet Knights, who signed five frosh prospects in 6-7 Ed Zucker, a New Jersey prep all-stater and the reputed gem of the group; 6-8 Eric Riggins, 6-10 Michael Brown, 6-9 Mark Peterson and 6-5 Darren Campbell. Foremost of the veteran returnees inside are 6-9 junior Chris Remley and 6-3 junior swing man Mark Sokolich.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This has to be a weaker club Tom Young will lead into the 1983-84 campaign, since among others the Scarlet Knights will be without first round NBA draftee Roy Hinson at center. Rebuilding is indeed the name of the game at Rutgers, where the threat of a losing season hangs heavy.

Rhode Island (9-19)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Things were going along nicely for last year's Rams until, just six games into the season, down with a knee injury went star forward Marc Upshaw and from there it was all a struggle for Coach Claude English's club. Upshaw is back for 1983-84, his knee said to be hunky-dory again, but missing for good now is superb guard Horace "Pappy" Owens, a career 1,000-point scorer and second round NBA draftee of the New Jersey Nets.

Upshaw, a 6-6 senior, was soaring along with averages of 17.5 points and 10.7 boards before injury struck last season, and his healthy return should bolster an otherwise experience-thin RIU front line that returns only two other players with a minimum of letterman knowhow, 6-7 senior Chris Cummings (3.5/3.0) and 6-7 soph Gavin Scotti (4.8/4.0). Heading the list of newcomers to this area is 6-4 small forward Roland Fiore, a senior-eligible and Stonehill College transfer, while frosh prospects are 6-9 Chris Scotti, tallest of the Rams and younger brother of Gavin Scotti, 6-7 Jesse Long and 6-8 Dante Woods.

Long, from Connecticut's East Lyme HS, averaged 20.8 ppg, 12.8 rpg and earned McDonald's honorable-mention All-American his final prep year.

In the back court, the Rams are much deeper in battle-tested hands, led by 6-4 soph Rusty Cordua (12.7), 6-2 junior Tony Taylor (9.5/83 assists), 6-4 soph Todd Bozeman (9.5) and 6-0 senior Reggie Horne (6.9). Two other guard holdovers who started 1982-83 games are 6-2 senior Kevin Compton (2.1) and 6-1 junior Terry Pittman (1.9), while the last of this year's freshman recruits, and the most highly touted, is 6-4 Tony Tucker, Delaware's prep "player of the year."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Rams, normally among the most successful of major Eastern cage powers, have finished 10-17 and 9-19 the past two years and could be headed for a third straight losing season in 1983-84. Still small and lacking great experience inside, this year's Rams are probably going to come up on the short end of the rebounding stick again, and as any basketball fan can verify -- when you lose the battle of the boards, a losing record usually goes hand-in-hand.

Duquesne (12-16)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood would be a good setting for this year's Dukes to play, with their roster dominated by four sophomores and five just arrived freshmen. "Because of our youth," comments skipper Jim Satalin, "I think we will be a team that will excite you at times and possibly frustrate you at other times."

Duquesne's elder statesman is 6-2 senior point guard Andy Sisinni, only a modest 6.6 scorer last season but the team leader in both assists (97) and steals (47). Battle-tested back line help for Sisinni will come from 6-3 soph Emmett Sellers (9.1), who started at small forward his frosh year but this season will confine himself to off-guard duties, along with 6-3 junior Pat Farrell (4.4/70 assists), 6-2 senior Marcus Long (0.9) and 6-4 soph Rick Suder (1.8). The lone new recruit on the outside is 6-1 freshman Eric Compton.

Inside, Coach Satalin must replace starting forwards Billy Searles and Joey Myers along with their combined 18.2 points and 16.1 rebounds per game, and that won't be an easy task! Of the returnees to this area, the most promising are 6-5 senior Derrick Eaglin (3.9/0.7), 6-11 Dave Udanis (1.0/0.9) and the 6-6 soph tandem of Fitzgerald Bobo (1.4/1.6) and Wayne Rawls (1.5/1.7). A quartet of incoming freshmen who'll be looked to for immediate help along the base line are 6-7 Mark Beavers, 6-6 Greg Harrison, 6-9 Todd Preston and 6-6 Ron Stevenson. Beavers led Sto-Rox HS to a flawless 32-0 mark and the Pennsylvania Class AA state title his final prep year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It looks like another long season lies ahead for second-year skipper Jim Satalin, who is the first to admit what graduation has cost the Dukes will be difficult to replace. Expect, therefore, more notches in the loss rather than the win column for the 1983-84 Duquesne hoopsters.

Penn State (17-11)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Bruce Parkhill, skipper at William & Mary the past half dozen years, has taken command of the Nittany Lions who have cranked out four consecutive winning cage aggregations. But a fifth straight plus-500 finish will be a tough chore unless replacements can be found for three front line stalwarts, Mike Lang, Rich Fetter and Tom McCluskey.

This year's Mount Nit strength figures to be a back court that returns both starting guards in 6-0 junior Dwight Gibson (10.7) and 6-3 junior Craig Collins (4.8) while veterans in support of those two are seniors 6-4 Walt Choice (2.7) and 6-0 Jim Forjan (3.9). New to this area is 6-2 freshman Paul Murphy.

Holdovers in the front line hoping to make up for the graduation losses are 6-11 senior Dick Mumma (5.2/2.7), 6-6 senior David Griffin (11.4/5.6) and the 6-7 soph duo of Terry Graves (4.0/2.4) and Matt Moser (0.7/1.0). The last of Bruce Parkhill's initial recruiting effort in Mount Nit country is the frosh twosome of 6-7 Kip DeWitt and 6-5 Marshall Grier.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Nittany Lions lost a lot of talented beef via the graduation of Lang, Fetter and McCluskey,

but their back court shapes up as deep and solid. Still, Penn State's lack of proven inside muscle combined with a rugged schedule in and out of the Atlantic Ten will make another winning record a difficult proposition for first-year skipper Parkhill.

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Holy Cross (17-13)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Sometimes a team's recruiting efforts can be a tipoff to that particular club's makeup, and since the Cross added but one new prospect this year, the best one-word evaluation of Coach George Blaney's 1983-84 Crusaders is V-E-T-E-R-A-N. "Our experience will be a real help," comments Blaney, "everybody had to play for us last year and that can only help. We're hoping Champ Godbolt (the team's leading scorer through last year's first 10 games before bad grades did him in) will be with us after the first semester."

Until then, one needn't worry about guard play slipping without Godbolt since eligible and raring to go from day one in the back court are 6-2 junior Jim Runcie (13.8) and 6-1 junior Larry Westbrook (6.7/1.2 assists). The Cross' publicity folks are hailing Runcie and Westbrook as "one of the nation's quickest guard duos" and they're right -- both these kids can scat! Chief among the backup guard vets, or at least until Godbolt does or doesn't regain eligibility, is 6-4 soph Brian Reale (6.2), a starter 14 times his frosh campaign.

Inside, while NBA draftee Chris Logan has been lost, there's still plenty of experienced hands available in this area. Once more drawing the starting call at forward will be the senior duo of 6-7 Darren Maloney (12.1/4.5) and 6-6 Pat Elzie (9.6/8.1), while 6-9 senior Ernie Floyd is expected to nail down the pivot spot after redshirting last season for academic reasons. Other front line holdovers with battle commendations is the junior threesome of 6-8 Walter Coates, 6-6 Dave Hohman and 6-10 Myles Maguire, while this year's lone newcomer is 6-6 freshman forward Dennis Ahern, a 31.0 ppg scorer his final prep campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is yet another strong, deep Crusader hardwood aggregation George Blaney will lead into the 1983-84 season and if Godbolt regains his eligibility, so much the better! But even without him, this year's Cross backeteers should approach 20 wins and lock up a post-season tourney invite.

St. Peter's (22-5)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Peacocks have won 20 or more games three of the past four years under Coach Bob Dukiet, and St. Peter's could easily reach that level again in 1983-84 with four starters back in camp. Leading the way is possibly the East's premier forward tandem in Shelton Gibbs and Tommy Best.

Junior Gibbs, though only 6-3, tossed in a team high 19 ppg while clearing an average of 4.3 boards last season, with Best adding 15.3 ppg and 6.6 rpg to go along with 64.2 percent field goal shooting that was fifth in the NCAA Division I-A ranks. Vying for the graduated John Krotulis' old pivot spot are 6-6 senior Anthony Green (5.9/3.2), who started a handful of games last season, 6-7 Wagner University transfer Larry Clark and 6-7 incoming freshman Jeff Usher. Other front line newcomers are 6-4 U. of Connecticut transfer Brian Bucklew and the frosh tandem of 6-5 Ed Tarpey and 6-7 Darren Rowe, while 6-4 JUCO product Bernard Hargrove will swing between guard and forward.

Coach Dukiet welcomes back both starting guards in 6-1 senior Phil Jamison (9.5/107 assists) and 6-0 junior Jim Murray (4.2/73 feeds). Pressing them both, however, will be 6-1 junior transfer Leonard Hayes, who two years ago helped Northern Illinois to an NCAA Tournament bid by averaging 14.8 points and handing out 101 assists. Another newcomer of note to the back line is 6-0 JUCO transfer Norman Luckett.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Peacocks have hung up a composite 81-32 mark with three 20-win seasons under Bob Dukiet, who stresses defense, defense and more defense. Last

year, with a per game yield of 57.7 points, St. Peter's had the nation's seventh toughest defense. Look for another 20-game winner in 1983-84 for the Peacocks.

Iona (22-9)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Above Avg.

"The Tradition Grows" has become more than a slogan in Pat Kennedy's three years as Iona's roundball skipper, a span that has seen Kennedy lead the Gaels to a pair of MAAC regular season crowns and NIT appearances the past two years. Returning from Iona's latest NIT contingent are all five regulars plus most of the key backups, and when you add in a handful of promising newcomers, **GAMEPLAN** predicts this year's Gaels will be NCAA Tournament-bound come regular season's end.

In the backcourt, Iona has one of college basketball's most finely matched duos in superb 6-2 shooting guard Steve Burt (23.2 ppg last season, 22.1 the previous season) and slick-handed 5-9 junior point man Rory Grimes (9.7/138 assists). They'll get veteran support from senior lettermen 6-4 Chris Crockett (4.3) and 6-3 Dan Parascandola (2.2), while most touted of the new guard recruits is 6-4 Bradley University transfer Eddie Harris.

Across the front line, the Gaels return the starting threesome of 6-7 senior forward Gary Springer (13.3/8.4), 6-4 junior Tony Hargraves (8.3/6.3 and a school record for assists by a forward with 168), along with 6-9 junior center Bob Coleman (9.7/4.9). In the way of combat-decorated inside reserves, there's 6-7 junior classmates Troy Truesdale (6.1/3.8) and Arnie Russell (5.0/3.5), while falling under the newcomer heading are 6-7 Wendell Walters (a transfer via Rhode Island U.) along with frosh signees 6-9 Chris O'Gorman and 6-5 Mike Zona.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The "Tradition" does, indeed, continue to grow for Iona's top-flight hardwood program, which could reach its apex in this, Pat Kennedy's fourth year at the helm. With All-America guard Burt surrounded by an excellent and deep supporting cast, not only do we expect the 1983-84 Gaels to receive NCAA Tourney consideration, but this club is a potential Top Twenty breakthrough on the national scene.

LaSalle (18-14)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Despite losing star guard Steve Black with an injury for 13 games last season, a span during which the Explorers went 6-7, Black and LaSalle both finished strong to land an NCAA Tournament appearance. In their second round NCAA loss to Virginia Commonwealth (76-67), it was Black's 31 points that led the way for the Explorers. "With a fully recovered Steve Black (this season)" comments Coach Dave "Lefty" Ervin, "I think you are dealing with one of the major talents in America."

The 6-2 junior Black (20.1 average in 19 contests) heads a back court that also returns for starting duties 6-4 soph Chip Greenberg (11.3/89 assists), while three more letter-winning guard holdovers are 5-11 junior Dallas Philson (7.0), 6-3 junior Pete Tiano (2.0) and 6-2 soph Gary Jones (1.3). LaSalle's lone new backliner is 6-1 freshman Rich Tarr, who led the state of Pennsylvania's prep scorers last year with a 29.5 ppg average.

Up front, with seven-footer Tom Piotrowski missing, the Explorers may go with a three-forward setup with two of those berths filled by incumbent regulars in 6-5 junior Ralph Lewis (13.1/8.1) and 6-9 junior Albert Butts (12.3/9.6). Hoping to nail down the third starting assignment inside is 6-5 senior Phil Burton (1.2/2.5), but **GAMEPLAN'S** vote goes to 6-8 incoming frosh power forward Larry Koretz, a Pennsylvania prep all-stater, while a second freshman is 6-7 Victor Moran, who actually came to LaSalle last season but redshirted because of knee problems.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With only center Piotrowski missing (last year's fifth best scorer and third best rebounder), this should be another strong Explorer cage squad. Paced by hot-shooting guard Black and the standout forward tandem of Lewis and Butts, LaSalle should at least duplicate last year's 18 victories, and 20 wins is even a strong possibility.



Forward Gary Springer (42) and back court ace Steve Burt give the Iona Gaels two All-American candidates.

Fairfield (13-15)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

After a hot start that saw them carrying a 9-4 mark in early January, last season's Stags went flat down the backstretch and dropped nine of their final 10 games as lack of depth took its toll on Terry O'Connor's club. "We were playing basically with just seven players," O'Connor comments on last season, "four of whom were freshmen."

In the front line, pivot standout and NBA draftee Pete DeBisschop has been lost, but both starting forwards return in 6-5 senior Jerry Johnson (10.8/5.8) and 6-5 soph Pat Yerina (8.5/4.1). In the way of experienced inside reserves, there's 6-5 soph Jay Byrne (3.6/1.9), while new additions to this area, all freshmen, are 6-11 Kevin McLeod, 6-8 Jeff Gromos and 6-7 Eric Portmann. McLeod, because of his size, would seem the logical choice to replace DeBisschop in the middle, but word has it McLeod will need a year or so to develop.

At the guard positions, 6-3 soph Tony George (14.2/120 assists) returns for full-time duty on one side, while 6-3 soph letterman Tim O'Toole (5.8) is a good bet to land the other starting back line role after appearing in 27 games his frosh season. Incoming freshmen guards are 6-2 Ed Golden, 6-5 David Simenz and 6-2 A.J. Wynder, although Wynder actually went to and played two games at UMass last season. The

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Stags have petitioned the ECAC to declare Wynder immediately eligible but should that request be denied, Wynder will have to redshirt in 1983-84.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach O'Connor feels the lack of depth which proved the undoing of last season's Stags has been rectified via his latest recruiting harvest. We concur, and look for a return to winning ways by the Fairfield cagers in 1983-84.

Army (11-18)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Last season's Cadets improved their won-lost record by six games in their first year under Coach Les Wothke, who anticipates an even better campaign in 1983-84. "Last year our plebes (freshmen) had to step in right away. That shouldn't be the case this year," optimistically spouts Wothke, no doubt with thoughts of nine returning lettermen, including three starters, dancing in his head.

Best of the Black Knight basketballers, and one of the best in Academy history, is 6-4 junior guard Randy Cozzens, who in addition to scoring (16.7), assists (12.7) and steals (4.4) also led last year's team in both field goal and free throw shooting percentage. The only thing Cozzens doesn't do for the Cadets is work the concession stands at halftime! With 10.1 scorer Dennis Schlitt ruled out for 1983-84 with an illness and Paul Mongan graduated, experienced back line help for Cozzens must be supplied by 6-3 senior Pete Popovich and the soph duo of 6-0 Jim Belanger and 6-2 Mike Ellis. Back after redshirting last season because of injury is 6-2 Steve Hendershot, while the cream of this year's incoming frosh guard class are 6-0 Kevin Houston, a product of the USMA Prep School, and 6-4 swing man Ron Steptoe out of the Washington, D.C. area.

Bright indeed is Army's future at the forward spots, where a trio of sophs return after sharing starting duties a year ago -- 6-7 Kenny Schwartz (14.1/5.5), 6-7 Mark Michaelson (5.2/5.1) and 6-3 swing man Scott Millire (6.9/3.4). Two other front line vets with starting savvy are 6-5 juniors Drew O'Donnell (3.3/1.3) and Jeff Ryscavage (2.5/1.3), while foremost of the frosh additions in this area are swing man Steptoe, 6-6 Mike Yeager, 6-7 Eric Mobley and 6-5 Chris Moss. Tallest of this year's Cadets will be a fourth incoming freshman, 6-9 Mike Dunn, but he's said to be still rough around the edges so look for the Black Knights to be generally out-sized, and often out-boarded again this season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's was the best Cadet hardwood record since 1978-79, and all appearances point to another strong Army cage contingent this season. Although not the biggest of teams, this is a hustling, scrappy Black Knight club led by second-year skipper Les Wothke, and don't be surprised if Army pushes its won-lost record above .500 in 1983-84.

Manhattan (15-13)

Starters Returning—1 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Hard-pressed will the Jaspers be to repeat last year's winning record, since graduation and/or academic ineligibility has cost Coach Gordon Chiesa's club four regulars. But thankfully, the lone starter back in one of the East's premier inside players, 6-7 junior Tim Cain (17.7/5.6).

Cain bulwarks a Jasper front line also numbering 6-8 junior Bill McLellan (2.7/1.4) and 6-5 soph Maurice Williams (2.9/1.9), while two incoming freshmen adding inside height are 6-9 Sean Hall and 6-8 Chris Schiano. Also, come December, the Jaspers will have eligible 6-4 junior Mike Brown, a transfer from St. Peter's.

Best of the guard holdovers are the Haufler twins, 6-1 juniors Jim (3.3) and John (1.6), while high hopes are held for 6-2 soph Steve Klemick (1.0). Even higher expectations surround this year's lone guard recruit, 6-1 freshman Ed Lawson, a career 1,000-point scorer at Jersey City's St. Peter's Prep also said to play tenacious, belly button-to-belly button defense.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The graduation losses sustained by the Jaspers, combined with a 1983-84 Manhattan schedule dotted with heavyweights, points to the very strong possibility Coach Chiesa cagers could slip back below .500 this season -- the very strong possibility.

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ECC East

American (20-10)

Starters Returning—1 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Graduation has plucked some of the brightest talent out of the Eagles aerie, including four of last year's top five scorers, leaving American's string of three consecutive 20-plus win seasons in serious jeopardy. Coach Ed Tapscott has only two players back who started games a year ago, so greener than new mown grass will be the overall tint of the 1983-84 Eagles.

Inside, AU's lone holdover with starting savvy is 6-7 senior Fernando Aunon (8.4/4.9), while lettermen returning to this area are 6-8 junior J.D. Springer (1.3/1.1) and the 6-7 soph duo of Rod Brown (1.2/1.2) and Phil Williams (1.6/1.7). Front line help is also expected from a pair of 1983-84 redshirts, 6-6 junior Joel Bell and 6-5 Pat Morrissey, with 6-6 junior Jim Lutz (1.8/0.6) again expected to swing between forward and guard. Two freshmen additions here are 6-8 Henry Hopkins and 6-9 Tom Scherer, although there's a strong likelihood Scherer will redshirt this year to hone his offensive skills. The Eagles feel Hopkins could "step in and start from day one."

Graduation has cost the back court the stellar duo of Ed Sloane and Gordon Austin, and their's will not be easy shoes to fill. Austin set a school record with 247 assists last season while Sloane scored at a 15.2 rate. As it is in the front line, the Eagles return only one guard with starting experience, 6-5 junior Steve Nesmith (4.0), while letter winners returning out front are 6-5-10 soph Darnell Swinton (2.3), 6-0 junior Jay Samonsky (1.4) and 6-3 senior Michael Wade (0.4). Recruited guards, both freshmen, are 6-2 Frank Ross, another who could step in right away for the depth-shy Eagles, and 6-4 Pat Witting, second leading scorer (21.5) in the Northern Virginia prep circles last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's simply no way to realistically expect another 20-win season from the Eagles, who in Mark Nickens, Ed Sloane and Gordon Austin lost three of the finest players in the school's hardwood history. In point of fact, American looks to be in real danger of slipping under .500 in 1983-84.

Drexel (14-15)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Like the men without a country, last year's Dragons had to play 17 of their 27 regular season games on the road, and so much away-ness took its obvious toll as Drexel slipped below .500 for the first time in four years. Coach Eddie Burke's cagers may be headed for another year of red ink in 1983-84, too, since graduation claimed four of last year's top six scorers.

Drexel's front line leader is 6-7 senior forward Richard Congo (13.8/7.1), last year's top scorer and board nabber, while 6-9 senior Michael Mitchell (9.4/6.5) returns after starting 26 of 29 games in 1982-83. Otherwise, however, the front line will consist of only a pair of 6-6 frosh recruits, Adam Jablonski and Rick Papes, so injuries must be avoided in this area. Even without injuries, in fact, the Dragons may find themselves on the short end of the rebounding stick too often this season.

Deeper in vets is a Drexel back court returning 6-1 soph Walter Fuller (5.6), 6-2 senior Tom Rymal (2.8), 6-0 soph Chris O'Brien (2.8) and 6-0 senior Ron O'Loughlin (1.5). Newcomers to this area, all freshmen, are 6-0 Troy Stribling, 6-4 Casper Cooper, 6-3 Tom Pedersen and 6-6 Pat Rafferty, who because of his height may be needed even more in the Dragon front line.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's hard to see, in light of what they lost to diplomas, how in the world the Dragons can be better this season. Another sub-.500 finish may be all but unavoidable for Coach Eddie Burke's cagers in 1983-84.

Hofstra (18-9)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

There could be some tough sledding ahead for this year's

Flying Dutchmen, who first off must tackle a schedule that opens against the likes of perennial college power Brigham Young, defending national champion North Carolina State and an appearance in the Malibu Classic. Worse though, the Dutchmen must do so with a lineup no longer graced with the persons of ECC "Player of the Year" David Taylor plus fellow starters Eric Harvey and Chris Rankin.

Up front, Hofstra's lone returning regular is 6-9 junior center Myles McPartland (9.1/7.1), although a pair of forward holdovers with some starting exposure are 6-7 juniors Tom Schreyer (4.8/3.1) and Charles Minor (3.6/2.1). Pressing for starting forward time will be 6-7 JUCO transfer Ron Miner and 6-6 freshman Frank Martin.

While there's some serious doubts about Hofstra's front line, rock solid should be a Dutchman back court anchored by 6-1 senior Doug Mills (12.9/108 assists/95 steals) and 5-10 junior Robbie Weingard (4.3/102 assists). A quartet of incoming frosh guard prospects are 6-3 Greg Arnold and 6-1 Leroy Allen, both from perennial prep power DeMatha HS, 6-3 Swedish native Steffan Persson and 6-2 John Sickels.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: When you take a look at what the Flying Dutchmen lost to graduation (David Taylor, etc.) and the 1983-84 schedule that awaits them (BYU, NC State, etc.), it all adds up to a losing year for Hofstra.

Towson State (7-21)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Anything but enjoyable was Towson State's first year of East Coast Conference membership, and last season's 21 defeats tied for the most in the school's hardwood history. Terry Truax has replaced long-time mentor Vince Angotti, and Truax estimates front line play will be the strong suit of his first edition of Tigers even though last year's ECC scoring champ, Mark Cooley, is missing at forward.

Returning inside, though, is a total of five players who started 1982-83 games in 6-5 senior Tom Speicher (10.4/5.7), 6-9 senior Donald Jones (6.9/5.2), 6-10 junior Dereck Hendricks (4.7/5.6) and 6-3 soph swing man Kenny Gorham (3.4/2.3). 6-7 junior Glenn Dieter also saw action in 22 games a year ago. The lone new front liner is 6-5 freshman Roddy Kirk.

Swing man Gorham will doubtless confine himself more to back court duties this year since the lone returnee to this area with any kind of experience is 6-0 junior Rica Page (5.7/team second best 77 assists). A trio of guard recruits are 6-4 JUCO transfer Chris Comeaux and the 6-2 frosh duo of Eliezar (Alan) Gordon and Bill Leonard. Gordon and Leonard were both 20-plus ppg scorers their final prep years and will be looked upon to pick up some of the scoring slack created by top gun Cooley's departure.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: First year Tiger cage mentor Truax, who served the past two seasons as a Mississippi State assistant, inherits a good enough ball club. And when you add in Truax's own first recruiting harvest, there's a strong feeling Towson State will earn an improved record in 1983-84.

ECC West

Lafayette (7-21)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Happy thoughts must comfort Leopard skipper Will Rackley when he envisions guiding a 1983-84 Lafayette team returning last year's top eight scorers. But it's strictly nightmare city for Rackley when he contemplates an '83-84 schedule that will send his cage forces to the Virginia Tipoff Tournament for an opener, followed by tilts versus Pittsburgh, Princeton and Rutgers.

Two-thirds of the starting front line returns in 6-6 soph Gary Bennett (10.6/4.8) and 6-3 senior small forward Chet Brightful (12.9/3.7), while most prominent of the other front line holdovers are 6-7 senior Allen Goetz (4.1/3.4) and the team's tallest veteran player, 6-11 junior Karl Klinger (2.5/1.2). With an eye toward improved shooting in this area, the Leopards recruited 6-6 freshman deadeye Joey Graham.

Two other frosh signees noted for their shooting prowess, 6-3 John Souder and 6-2 Ron Reynolds, should also make an impression in a Lafayette back court returning for starting duties 6-3 junior Stan Morse (13.0) and 6-2 junior Tony Duckett (9.1/152 assists).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although their schedule is a doozie, this year's Leopards should be able to improve on last season's 7-21 disaster, during which Lafayette lost nine games by five points or less. The odds favor a better Leopard team in 1983-84, albeit one probably not capable of finishing above .500.

Delaware (11-14)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

With 6-10 Tim Carr, tallest Blue Hen cager ever, missing in the middle, Coach Ron Rainey plans to go with more of a perimeter game this season. Rainey is confident, too, he has the guard and wing crew to make it work, and with a somewhat toned-down schedule on tap, Delaware may be headed back above .500.

Carrying the Blue Hen guard banner highest will be the senior quartet of 6-6 Tim Tompkins (10.3), 6-4 Tracy Peal (8.1), 5-9 Jon Chamberlain (2.4) and 6-4 Ralph Novak (0.2). Chamberlain is expected to battle 5-9 soph Mike Wright, top scorer (13.9) on last year's JV team, for the point spot vacated by the graduation of playmaking magician John Staudenmayer.

Carr's towering presence will be missed inside, of this there's little doubt, but experience dominates at the forward spots with the return of seniors 6-6 Brian Angielski (7.6/4.8) and 6-5 John Dove (3.6/2.4), along with junior classmen 6-6 Len O'Donnell (6.1/3.7) and 6-5 Dave Penkrot (3.6/0.9). Help off last year's JV team could be forthcoming from the tallish soph threesome of 6-8 Mike Catanzaro and 6-7ers Chris Dunker and Phil Carr.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Blue Hens could indeed be a better team in 1983-84 without big guy Carr in the middle. Spreading it around is what Delaware figures to do more of in 1983-84, and with their aptly-suited veteran personnel, the Blue Hens could crack back through the .500 barrier.

Rider (20-9)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Right into the lion's den will march this year's Broncos, who open their season with road tilts against Alabama and James Madison, both NCAA Tournament entries in 1982-83. Worse, though, is that Coach John Carpenter's club will be doing so minus two-time team MVP Tom O'Hara at guard.

Returning to the back court, however, is superb 6-1 senior point man Fred Lee (10.3/151 assists/56 steals). A good bet to fill O'Hara's old spot is downtown shooter, 5-10 senior Matt Lonetto (8.6) while new guard recruits, both freshmen, are 6-0 Andy Wersel and 5-10 Gino Morales.

Inside, Rider's top holdovers are 6-8 junior Kevin Thomas (8.7/7.9), last year's No. 1 rebounder, and 6-6 junior Derrick Lamar (8.3/3.2). The most experienced of the other front line returnees is 6-5 junior Jim Bolger (1.6/1.1) with Coach Carpenter's latest recruiting effort turning up 6-8 freshman Jerome Nicholson, whose height will be an immediate up front plus for the Broncos.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year was one of the most successful in history for Riders' cagers, this season's Broncos will be out to duplicate their predecessors' achievements. But with the rugged schedule they have to take on in 1983-84, it's tough seeing Rider approaching their 20 wins of a year ago.

Lehigh (10-16)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Above Avg.

You really will need a program to tell this year's Engineers! Not only do they have a new coaching staff, headed by former U. of Pennsylvania assistant Tom Schneider, but also a total of nine freshmen coming on board.

Up front, Lehigh's top holdovers are 6-6 junior forward Paul Wickman (4.5/3.8) and 6-9 senior center Terry Moran (2.9/1.9), but they are the only lettermen holding over on the entire team. That should clear the deck for a half dozen frosh inside recruits, including the 6-8 tandem of David Aiken and Joe

Turochy, 6-9 Gregg Koop, 6-7 Don Henderson, 6-5 Seamus Dowling and 6-4 Victor McKay.

Non-lettering back court returnees slated to see far more 1983-84 action include the sophomore quartet of 6-3 Mike Androlewicz, 6-2 Mark Murphy, 6-3 Vernon Doswell and 6-0 Doug Gaffney. Rounding out this year's sizeable incoming frosh class are 5-10 Raymond Lee, 6-1 Mike Polaha and 6-3 Ron Gregory. Obviously, both at guard and in the front line, how well the newcomers produce will dictate success or failure for this year's Engineers.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Another long, more often than not losing, year seems dead ahead for the Engineers. At least that's the estimation GAMEPLAN comes up with after noting this team's glaring lack of overall experience, and noting too a 1983-84 Lehigh schedule dotted with such as Notre Dame, Princeton, Navy, Fairfield, Harvard and Columbia.

Bucknell (17-11)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

With last season's 17-11 finish having blown out the stench of the previous year's 7-20 disaster, and with four starters returning for the 1983-84 campaign, Bison skipper Charlie Woollum feels he may have an ECC-West title contender at his disposal. But as Woollum is quick to point out, accomplishing that goal will mean "we're going to have to get the same tremendous performances we got last year if we're to challenge for the championship."

For openers, Bucknell may have the ECC-West's premier guard tandem in 6-5 junior Jaye Andrews (13.7) and 6-1 Cal Puriefoy (9.0/14.4 assists), while 6-0 senior Carl Cosimano (2.4) is a proven reserve off the bench. A pair of freshman back line additions are 6-3 Garth Forsyth, a Virginia prep all-stater who poured in 30.8 ppg last year, and 5-10 Chris Seneca.

The Bison front line boasts two returnees who started all 28 games last season in 6-5 junior small forward Eric Hegedus (8.0) and 6-9 senior post man Ed Sigl (7.9/4.8). The most seasoned of the other inside vets is 6-7 senior letterman Matt Romberger (1.9/1.6), while the Bucknell coaches are high on the potential of late-blooming 6-11 senior Steve Connor, who showed vast improvement while starring for the school's JV squad. Rounding out this year's Bison recruiting haul are two frosh small forward prospects, 6-5 Steve Beecy and 6-4 Mark Allstead.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by a handful of non-stars who nonetheless do what's needed to win, this year's Bucknell cagers should at least equal if not better their victory total of 1982-83 with an ECC-West championship a distinct possibility.

Others

Northeastern (13-15)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Avg.**

Certified All-America material, that's 6-6 Husky senior forward Mark Halsel, who two years ago rang up averages of 11.3 points and 11.2 rebounds. Then last season, Halsel upped his norms to 19.5 scoring-wise and 12.5 boards, with the latter figure placing Halsel fourth nationally in that department.

Besides Halsel, two other front line holdovers with starting know-how are 6-8 senior Roland Braswell (13.2/8.4) and 6-9 soph Gerry Corcoran (3.7/3.4). Coach Jim Calhoun is also very excited about his new recruits in this area, with those being the frosh threesome of 6-9 Kevin Lee, 6-7 Todd Grain and 6-7 Reggie Lewis. Those three frosh frontliners are part of what Calhoun classifies as "one of his greatest recruiting years ever."

Out front, rotating at the guard spots again will be 6-4 soph Enndy Basquiat (10.4), 6-1 senior Phil Robinson (3.9/8.8 assists), 6-3 junior Skeeter Bryant (10.2) and 6-2 senior Glen Miller (6.3), all four of whom started games last season. In the way of back line newcomers, there's the frosh tandem of 6-2 Andre LaFleur and 6-5 swing man Wes Fuller.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by solid A-A prospect Halsel and a banner recruiting class, this year's Huskies

should be able to push their won-lost mark back into the black ink. But major improvement will be difficult since, as usual, Northeastern will be taking on a very rugged 1983-84 schedule of opponents.

Maine (12-14)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Avg.**

To hear most of the talk in the East on the dawn of the 1983-84 campaign, one would almost get the impression the only center in this area who can jump up without getting a concussion on the rim is Georgetown's Pat Ewing. But here in Orono, admittedly not exactly your average media metropolis, the Black Bears have this pivot dude named Jeff Cross -- who you will be hearing a lot about before this year's out.

At 6-10 and 240, senior Cross (19.2/11.9/7.4 blocked shots) doesn't take much guff from anyone inside, and he's got the muscle to back it up! Expected to make up the remaining two-thirds of Maine's full-time up front crew are 6-6 senior Paul Cook (4.9/4.1) and 6-4 junior Jeff Topliff (5.8/1.7), but depth here is unproven, consisting of 6-6 North Dakota State transfer Richard Henry and 6-6 incoming freshman Brian Stevens.

Deeper in vets is a Black Bear guard contingent headlined by holdover regulars 6-3 junior Jeff Wheeler (10.1) and 6-4 senior feeder Jeff Sturgeon (7.9), who won his second straight team assists title last season with 163. Tested guards available off the bench are 6-3 senior Kevin Green (2.7) and 6-1 soph Dan Costigan (0.7), while eligible now after redshirting due to poor grades is 6-2 soph Mark Hedtler. The Black Bear coaching staff is also ebullient in their praise of 6-2 frosh shooting guard prospect 6-2 Jim Boylen.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite the best efforts of pivot man Cross -- and those efforts were manifold -- last year's Bears still couldn't finish in the black ink victory wise. But with their 1983-84 slate a bit toned down, and Cross still at the forefront, this could be the best Maine cage contingent in some time. Phoo, on Pat Ewing, too!

Boston University (21-10)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

The Terriers have a new head man in John Kuester, a former star player with the North Carolina Tar Heels and several NBA teams. Kuester ascended to the top job when Rick Pitino left BU to take on an assistant coaching job in the pro ranks, and Kuester has to be pleased with what he'll have to work with in his first year as Terrier cage mentor.

Up front, BU welcomes back both starting forwards in 6-9 senior Gary Plummer (16.3/7.9) and 6-5 soph Mike Alexander (16.9/5.1), while again splitting duties at the pivot spot will be 6-10 junior Mark Fiedor (1.7/3.4) and 6-8 soph Tom Ivey (3.9/3.9). Letter-winning inside support will come from 6-4 junior Steve Priscella and 6-7 soph Jeff Hagan, with 6-5 soph Paul Hendricks back after redshirting just three games into last season due to a thumb injury. The Terriers went North of the border for frosh front line prospects 6-8 Peter Gabriele and 6-7 Mo Soufan, both from Ontario, Canada.

Top scorer Tony Simms (18.6) has been lost at one guard position but returning at the point is 6-2 junior Shawn Teague (9.7/16.5 assists). Defensive ace Dwayne Vinson (5.4), a 6-1 sophomore, is heir apparent at the vacant back court spot although trying their best to foil his plans are 6-4 soph Sean Porter, another 1982-83 redshirt, and the 6-3 incoming frosh duo of Jim Christian and Jeff Holmes.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although Rick Pitino is gone, new skipper John Kuester should keep the ball rolling in Terrier country. Kuester has a solid nucleus to build around in both the front line and back court, and while their 1983-84 schedule is another toughie, the Terriers should again approach the 20-win level.

New Hampshire (16-12)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Avg.**

The Wildcats surprised most folks last year by tying for the ECAC-North regular season championship, then beat Canisius before falling to Holy Cross in the conference playoffs. But this year's 'Cats are in danger of getting treed more often since graduation has claimed three regulars, among them

school career scoring champ Robin Dixon at guard.

Returning, though, at the other back court spot is 6-2 senior Al McClain (12.8/123 assists/69 steals), who if he scores 368 points this season will pass Dixon as UNH's all-time leading scorer. Best bet to land the other guard spot is 6-4 senior Mike Dinneen (3.5), while rounding out the veteran cast in this area are 6-2 soph Rodney Johnson and 6-0 junior Vince Connelly. New guard recruits, both freshmen, are 6-3 Todd Black and 6-1 Andy Johnston.

The Wildcats front line mainstay is 6-7 senior forward Dan Nolan (16.1/9.4), last year's top rebounder and second best scorer, with 6-7 soph Dirk Koopman (4.2/2.9) expected to fill the vacant center spot. Vying for the berth across from Nolan are 6-6 sophs Ted DiGrande and Ty Bridge, 6-7 soph Pat Galvin and 6-7 incoming freshman Greg Steele.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The victories could be harder to come by for this year's Wildcats with all that graduation has cost them, and the very best we see for the 1983-84 UNH roundballers is another plus .500 finish.

Navy (18-11)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

It is to Paul Evans that credit must go for a steady Middle basketball revival that has seen the Academy progress under Evans from 9-16 to 12-14 to last year's 18-11. All indicators point to more of the same in 1983-84, too, since the Mids return three regulars, among them two of the East's best at their respective positions, forward Vernon Butler and guard Rob Romaine.

Butler, a muscular 6-7 soph, burst upon the Eastern scene last season with fresh averages of 11.6 points and 10.2 rebounds. The other two-thirds of the starting front line will again be 6-10 senior center Cliff Maurer (10.0/5.5/68 blocked shots) and 6-6 senior forward Gary Price (4.5/4.2), while letter-winning support inside will be provided by 6-3 senior Mike Jones, 6-7 soph Tony Wells and 6-8 junior Todd Alexander. Most prominent of the new recruits to this area, both freshmen, are 6-9 David Robinson and 6-8 Warren Buller.

On the back line, three-time scoring leader Dave Brooks has been lost at shooting guard, but set for another tour of duty at the point is 6-2 senior Romaine (12.0/189 assists). First crack at filling Brooks' shoes goes to rangy 6-6 soph Kaylor Whitaker (2.5), with 6-1 junior Sly Mata (1.4) also blessed with letterman experience. Newly recruited is the frosh tandem of 6-4 Kevin Coyne and 5-9 Willie Jett.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Mids have been steadily improving under Paul Evans, and while it may be tough to better than last year's 18-11, this year's Navy cagers should at least approach that level. Another successful campaign lies ahead for the 1983-84 Mids, who didn't get a post-season tourney invite last year but may come the end of this season.

Long Island (20-9)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Avg.

They'll be letting some air out of the ball in Blackbird country this season, where lost from last year's 11th ranked Division 1-A scoring machine are three of the top four pointmakers — including LIU career scoring king Robert "Smooth" Cole. There's talent left, to be sure, and the recruiting year was a good one, but it's difficult to see the Blackbirds winging to what would be a third straight 20-win season.

Up front, Coach Paul Lizzo welcomes back two players with starting experience, 6-9 junior Carey Scurry (12.3/10.1) and 6-4 senior Jeff Meriwether (8.5/4.4). Otherwise, newcomers will have to make up the inside crew. Those new recruits are all transfer students: 6-11 Vincent Wiggins (via the JUCO ranks), 6-6 former Massachusetts starter Tyrone Whitehead and 6-8 ex-Arkansas/Little Rock player Dennis Thompson. Wiggins could be the key inside since he's the closest thing the Blackbirds have to a true center.

Deeper in veterans is LIU's back court, where the leader is 6-1 senior Robert Brown (9.4). Other letter-winning guards are 6-1 soph John E. Johnson, 5-10 junior Edwin Villanueva and 6-0 junior Derek Powell while this year's recruiting efforts brought in 6-2 JUCO product Walter Jordan and 6-0 freshman Glenn Daniels.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Slower, indeed, will go this

year's Blackbirds with 56 percent of last year's scoring punch graduated. After back-to-back 20-win seasons, 1983-84 could witness a less impressive LIU won-lost record, although there appears little chance this club will dip below .500.

Canisius (11-17)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

This year's Griffs will be keeping their guard up behind their stellar back court tandem of "Sugar Ray" Hall and Robert Turner, last year's 1-2 scorers and assists men. But all hell could break loose inside, where Coach Nick Macarchuk must replace his entire starting threesome of Lee Stringfellow, Mike Rzemek and Bryan Carver.

Guards Hall (19.1/64 assists), a 6-4 junior who earned AP honorable mention All-America last season, and 6-3 senior partner Turner (15.1/90 feeds) receive veteran support from 5-10 junior Mike Trivisonno (3.6) and 6-1 soph Derek Sharp (1.5). The Griffs will also have eligible 1982-83 redshirt Eyal Yaffe, a 6-3 soph, while the lone new guard recruit is 6-3 Nick Macarchuk, eldest son of the Canisius cage boss. Plans, however, may call for young Macarchuk to redshirt this year.

Inside, the chief holdovers are burly 7-0, 254-pound junior center Mike Smerk (4.5/4.7), second best board pounder his soph year, along with 6-5 junior Gregg Martinsen (4.0/3.3), 6-7 senior Ed Becton (2.8/2.1) and 6-7 soph Derrick Russell (2.8/2.1). New frontliners are led by the JUCO transfer pair of 6-7 Lamont Gilbert and 6-6 Tim Harvey, while via the prep ranks comes 6-6 freshman Chris Heinold.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Griffs must completely revamp their front line, but guard play for Canisius could be as good as you'll find in the East. Still, a very rugged 1983-84 schedule and large question marks underneath point to another sub-.500 year for the Canisius roundballers.

Niagara (11-18)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

When you take a lineup dotted with three freshmen starters and put it against a schedule including the heavyweight likes of St. John's, Syracuse, LaSalle, Utah, St. Bonaventure twice and Holy Cross, what do you come up with. Right, last year's 11-18 Niagara Purple Eagles!

Hopes are running high for a return to winning ways by this season's Eagles, though, and the pacesetter in that quest is 6-3 senior guard Mike Curran (14.6/107 assists). Slated to fill the other guard spot is 6-0 soph letterman Reed Watts (2.2/97 feeds), a starter the final 10 games of his frosh year, while other experienced back line holdovers are 6-5 soph Leon Blalock (5.8), 6-3 junior Ron Purdy (1.3) and 6-1 soph Chris Jonsson (1.0). Swinging between the big guard and small forward positions will be 6-4 junior Rick Townsend (13.7/5.3), last year's second best rebounder.

Foremost of the front line vets are 6-6 junior Greg Mitchell (6.3/5.6), 6-5 soph Joe Alexander (10.4/5.2), 6-4 senior Tim Curges (2.4/2.2) and 6-6 junior Rich Howse (3.8/2.6), younger brother of graduated pivot regular Mike Howse. The Eagles also welcome back 6-6 junior Gerry Henry, waylaid by a hand injury last season, while falling under the freshman heading in this area are 6-6 Ricky Prince, 6-10 Sean Dadds and 6-8ers Joe Arlauckas and Doug Fogt. Prince, who actually came to Niagara last year but sat out the 1982-83 season to get his grades in order, is being counted on for immediate scoring and rebounding help on the inside.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Eagles slipped to 11-18 after forging a fine 19-10 mark their first year under Coach Pete Lonergan, but what did you expect considering the makeup of the 1982-83 slate Niagara had to tackle with its youth-dominated squad? This season, the Eagles don't face such a brutal schedule and with a more experienced cast on hand, Niagara should push its won-lost mark closer to .500.

Colgate (3-24)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

As expected, last year's Red Raiders took more than their share of lumps but there's a silver lining to the 1982-83 season, according to Coach Tony Relvas. "The achievements of last year's team are not indicated by its won-lost mark," Relvas

comments. "The kids did learn a new system, and they got better in the direction of intensity and consistency."

The front line stalwarts for what is still quite a young 'Gate hardwood squad are 6-3 soph small forward Don Pugh (7.7/4.8), 6-8 soph center Brad Crooks (5.0/4.3) and the junior forward duo of 6-4 Lowell Steen (4.8/1.8) and 6-3 Steve Errico (2.2/1.1). That isn't much in the way of height and since the lone new addition to this area, freshman Bob Bamford, is only 6-5, look for the Raiders to more often than not lose the battle of the boards again in 1983-84. Last season, opponents out-boarded the 'Gate 852 to 723.

Out front, the Raiders return two players who saw starting duty a year ago, 6-1 soph Tad Brown (7.8) and 6-3 senior Derrick Godfrey (2.1). Godfrey is the only senior on the roster who figures to see much action, so like we said earlier, this will be another youth-dominated 'Gate team. Incoming frosh guard prospects are 5-10 Mike Boswell, 5-11 Josh Farrell and 6-0 Mike Rossi.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After losing 24 games and averaging just over 50 points per contest last season, the Raiders are hopeful things will be looking up for the 1983-84 college roundball campaign. But we wouldn't count on it being a whole lot brighter in Hamilton!

Vermont (10-19)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

With not so much as a single senior on their roster, inexperience will again be a problem for the 1983-84 Catamounts. And that, coupled with a schedule that lists 16 away games including trips to Notre Dame, Dayton, LaSalle, Yale and Harvard, points to the strong possibility of another losing record this season for Coach Bill Whitmore's UVM roundballers.

Strongest area of this year's team will be a back court that returns both regulars in 6-1 soph Howard Hudson (10.3/136 assists/school record 77 steals) and 6-5 junior Bill Brown (15.1), last year's leading scorer. Experienced support will come from 6-0 junior Chris Fairchild (5.3), 6-4 soph swing man George Payne (5.2) and 6-0 soph Tom O'Shea (1.9).

Up front, Coach Whitmore must replace center Peter Cole and forward Tim Woodlee, who accounted for 43 percent of last year's rebounding and 36 percent of the team's scoring. Holdover frontliners with starting experience are 6-5 soph John Simko (7.0/2.8) and 6-8 junior Ed Pagano (2.2/1.1), while new to this area are 6-7 JUCO transfer Matt Thompson and the frosh duo of 6-7 Chris DeWeaver and 6-5 Bill Brennan. The Catamounts also have available 1982-83 redshirt David Thompson, a 6-11 soph Coach Whitmore says has shown "signs of brilliance" in practice sessions. "He could be a very good player," Whitmore says of towering soph Thompson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With the rugged schedule they have to face and so little experience, it's vitually impossible to see much improvement for this year's Catamounts. Twenty losses, in fact, could be their 1983-84 destiny.

Yale (12-14)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

About the only things Butch Graves didn't do for last year's Elis was blow up the basketballs before games and sweep out the gym afterwards. Otherwise, 6-4 senior All-American guard candidate Graves did it all for the 1982-83 Yale cagers, leading the team in scoring (23.3, highest in the Ivy League), assists (10.4), minutes played (99.7) and even in rebounding (6.4).

With Graves as his backcourt hub again, second-year Eli skipper Tom Brennan will surround his ace with the experienced likes of 5-11 senior Bart Williams (3.3), 6-3 senior Bill Jacob (3.3), 6-2 junior Jim Petela (3.1) and 5-11 senior Lew Hyacinthe (1.4), while the lone new recruit on the back line is 6-2 frosh point guard Ken Wheeler, who could help Graves with some of the playmaking load.

Citing lack of inside size as last season's Achilles heel, Eli mentor Brennan now feels "we have rectified that condition with our recruited class." The reputed gem of this year's frosh harvest is 6-11 Ricky Ewing, a Tennessee prep all-stater also hotly recruited by Georgetown and Virginia. Three other yearlings bringing some badly needed height to the Yale front line are 6-8ers Chris Dudley, Chad Ludington and 6-6 Byron Taylor. Foremost of the veteran baseliners are 6-7 junior Chris Kelly



Yale captain Butch Graves (33) topped the Ivies and finished 13th in the nation a year ago with a 23.3 points per game average.

(11.3/6.0), who returns to forward after being forced into the pivot breach last season, along with 6-6 seniors Gerry Parker (6.1/4.7), Pete Foley (4.2/1.5) and finally, 6-9 junior Doug Fuss, who sat out 1982-83 after serving in a reserve capacity two years ago.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Graves shouldn't have to be so much of a one-man show for this year's Elis, although he'll still be the unquestioned leader of a Yale hardwood team considerably strengthened by its latest recruiting effort. In what shapes up as a hum-dinger of a battle for this year's Ivy cage title, expect the Elis to be among the most prominent bidders.

Harvard (12-14)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Coach Frank McLaughlin saw so many of his players beset by injuries last season, he felt like a member of the "General Hospital" cast. This year, Harvard has the veteran personnel to move up among the Ivies but as McLaughlin so succinctly puts it: "Staying healthy is the key for us."

Up front, the Crimson returns for starting duties 6-9 senior center Monroe Trout (10.6/6.2) and 6-7 senior forward Ken Plutnicki (11.1/6.0), while a good bet to occupy the other forward spot is 6-8 junior and 1982-83 injured redshirt Joe Carrabino. Foremost of the remaining front line vets is 6-5 soph Greg

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Wildes (7.9/2.9), who can also handle the big guard spot in a pinch.

Last year's leading Crimson scorer was 6-4 junior Bob Ferry (14.7), son and namesake of the general manager of the NBA's Washington Bullets. Vying for the point guard slot left vacant by Calvin Dixon's graduation are 6-0 junior Kevin Boyle (1.1), son of St. Joseph's (Pa.) head coach Jim Boyle, and 6-3 soph David Bernard (6.1).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If he can keep everyone healthy, Coach McLaughlin should be able to lead the Crimson to a winning season this year. In fact, Harvard is a potential Ivy title contender in 1983-84, but again only if injuries don't get in the way as they did a year ago.

Dartmouth (7-19)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Bootstrap-tough, that's how new Big Green skipper and former U.S. Military Academy assistant Reggie Minton wants his first edition of Dartmouth cagers to be. "Regardless of our size (the Big Green's tallest player is only 6-8), I expect our team to be an aggressive, hard-rebounding group," says Minton. "Our goals are within reach if we work hard."

Up front, Dartmouth returns all regulars to its three-forward starting lineup in 6-5 senior All-Ivy Paul Anderson (18.2/6.3), 6-4 soph Scott Schroeder (10.3/3.8) and 6-5 senior Brian Burke (11.7/4.4). Most prominent of the other inside holdovers are 6-5 junior Aaron Hill and 6-6 junior Shaun Tobin, while Coach Minton's first freshman recruiting hunt turned up 6-8 John Miller, 6-7 Mark DeAngelis and 6-5 David Suny.

Young, younger and youngest is the thumbnail on the Big Green guard contingent, which in the way of veterans is best represented by 5-8 junior Derek Sells (3.4) and the 6-1 soph tandem of Mike Collins (5.5) and Joe Kilroy (5.0). In the way of newcomers on the back line, coming on board is the frosh duo of 6-7 Jay Filderman and 6-1 Anthony Sellito.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Big Green has sustained back-to-back 19-loss seasons but should fare somewhat better in their first year under Reggie Minton. Led by their solid forward trio of Anderson, Schroeder and Burke, the 1983-84 Dartmouth cagers will be improved, but probably not enough to crack the Ivy League's first division.

Cornell (10-16)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Step by Step, Tom Miller is starting to put the pieces together in Ithaca, where there hasn't been a winning Big Red cage team since the 1967-68 squad. While we're not outright predicting a plus-500 finish for Cornell in 1983-84, prospects for this season look brighter than they have in awhile.

First off, the Big Red returns its entire starting front line of 6-7 junior Ken Bantum (14.5/6.0), 6-7 senior Brad Bomba (11.3/5.0) and 6-4 soph Drew Martin (9.4/4.3). Best of the veteran inside reserves is 6-4 soph Eric King (3.0/2.0), while a pair of new recruits here, both freshmen, are 6-6 Dean Kartsonas and 6-5 Cameron Georges. Kartsonas was the leading scorer (30.4 ppg) in southwestern Pennsylvania his final prep year.

Newcomers will have to be of immediate value in Cornell's back court since the only holdover with so much as letterman experience is 6-3 soph Stuart Mitchell (2.3). So, with that in mind, Coach Miller and his aides went on an off-season guard hunting binge that culminated in the arrival of 6-1 JUCO transfer Sam Givens and the frosh quintet of 6-1 Derek Williams, 6-3 Bryan Colangelo, 5-10 Jeff Trebec, 6-1 Kevin Bacon and 6-1 John Bajusz. Most touted of those new backliners is frosh signee Williams, a Virginia prep all-stater and McDonald's All-America honorable mention choice.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's been some time since the Big Red posted a winning record on the hardwood, and with all the inexperience in their 1983-84 back court, that drought may continue. But look for Cornell to pull some surprises before the year's out!

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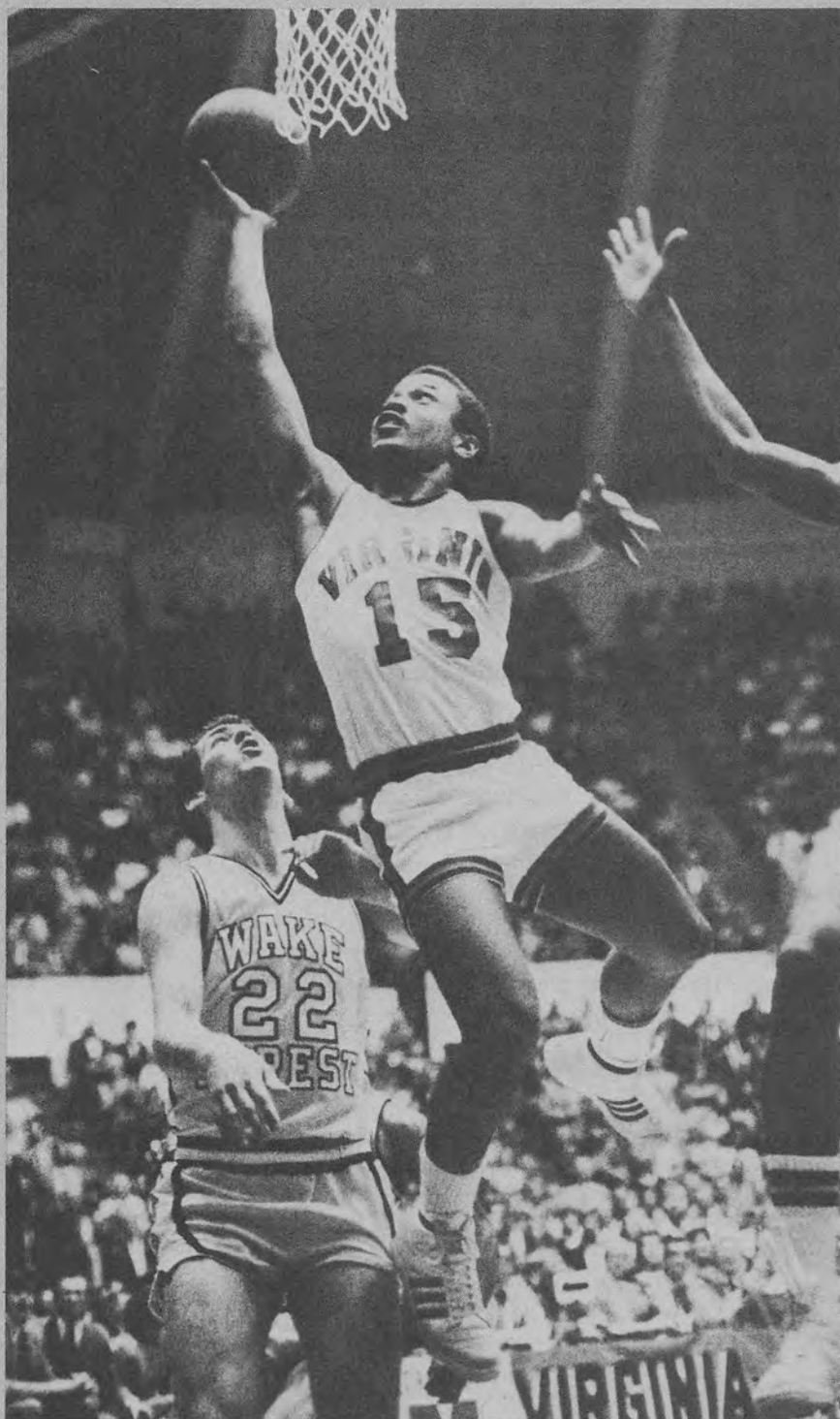
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Quick Ricky Stokes (15) makes things happen in a Virginia Cavalier back court that's one of the best in the country.

Atlantic Coast

North Carolina (28-8)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Oh, that Dean Smith! If it weren't enough that he already welcomed back four regulars from last year's NCAA Final Eight tourney team, including bonafide All-Americans Michael Jordan at guard and forward Sam Perkins, Smith and his coaching staff went out and also signed three of the nation's premier prepsters in 6-9 Dave Popson, 6-10 Joe Wolf and 6-3 Kenny Smith. Oh, that Dean!

Promising as Popson and Wolf are, they stand slim chances of cracking a Tar Heel front line that returns for starting action 6-9 senior Perkins (16.9/9.4), 6-8 senior Matt Doherty (10.5/3.8) and 6-11 soph Brad Daugherty (8.2/5.2). Other battle-tested inside holdovers are 6-6 senior Cecil Exum and the tallish junior duo of Timo Makkonen and Warren Martin, and those three along with frosh recruits Popson and Wolf gives this area solid depth.

Point guard Jimmy Braddock is UNC's only serious graduation loss, while at the big guard position there may not be a better college performer than 6-6 junior Jordan. Jordan, who along with Virginia's Ralph Sampson were last year's only unanimous first-team All-America selections, scored at a 20.0 rate, finished second to Perkins with 5.5 rpg and recorded 76 steals. Jordan was compared to David Thompson when he came to the Tar Heels, and he's certainly living up to that image. Veteran guards are 6-3 junior Buzz Peterson, last year's ace sixth man and a 7.2 ppg scorer; 6-5 soph Curtis Hunter and 6-3 soph Steve Hale. Frosh guard prospect Kenny Smith poured in 29 ppg his final year at Archbishop Malloy HS in Queens, New York.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: What else would you expect? Naturally, Coach Dean Smith has another potential 20-plus victory, ACC and national title contender down Chapel Hill way. Led by what are arguably the nation's two premier players at their respective positions, guard Jordan and forward Perkins, the 1983-84 'Heels again loom as prime candidate to do the "We're No. 1" shouting come the end of this season.

Maryland (20-10)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Above Avg.

Coach Lefty Driesell has put away the Pabulum and teething rings at College Park, where a year's more experience by the still relatively youthful but deep and talented Terrapins has them thinking "ACC title" as the 1983-84 college hardwood season approaches. The tempo setter for a Terp squad returning EVERYONE off last year's NCAA Tournament entry is 6-8 junior All-America prospect Adrian Branch.

A year ago, Branch (18.7/5.2) won his second straight team scoring title while finishing runnerup in the rebounding department to fellow holdover front line regular, 6-9 junior Ben Coleman (15.1/8.1). Additionally, Coleman paced the 1982-83 Terps in field goal percentage (57.1) and blocked shots (33). A quartet of other inside returnees with starting backgrounds are 6-8 soph leaper Len Bias (7.2/4.2), 6-9 senior Mark Fothergill (6.2/3.7), 6-6 senior Herman Veal (6.8/6.9) and 6-8 soph Ed Farmer (2.7/2.2). Coach Driesell's latest talent hunt also turned up 6-8, 240-pound frosh power forward Terry Long.

Out front, Maryland's prime honors candidate is 6-5 junior guard Jeff Adkins (9.9/12.1 assists), who along with forward Coleman was the only Terp to start all 30 games last season. Lettermen battling for the other full-time guard assignment are 6-3 senior Steve Rivers (5.5), 6-1 soph Jeff Baxter (3.4) and Coach Driesell's son, 6-2 junior Chuck Driesell (1.3). Maryland's second and final frosh recruit is 6-5 Keith Gatlin, chosen "Player of the Year" in North Carolina his final prep season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Off the top, this year's Terps have to be rated as strong ACC title contenders just because of the sheer numbers of veteran players on hand augmented by two solid frosh signees. Twenty wins and a lofty ACC finish is what GAMEPLAN sees for Maryland, which could easily end up in the nation's Top 20.

Wake Forest (20-12)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Optimism is running high in the Deacon camp, where not only four regulars and most of the key reserves back from last year's 20-win, NIT club, but Coach Carl Tacy also enjoyed one of the nation's finest frosh recruiting harvests. Complacency is the only thing Tacy feels may undermine his team's 1983-84 efforts, with the Wake skipper noting: "We had to scratch, dig and work very hard for what we were able to achieve a year ago. Sometimes there's a relaxed feeling that with a better squad, a little more talent coming in, we might be able to let up. We'll have to guard against those feelings."

On the back line, the Deacons return both regulars in 6-3 senior point guard Danny Young (12.8/15.4 assists) and exciting 6-2 junior Delaney Rudd (12.8), while supplying experienced depth on the outside are 6-2 senior Scott Davis (2.6), 6-5 junior Lee Garber (3.9) and 6-5 soph Steve Warden (2.7). Two new arrivals who comprise a veritable Mutt-and-Jeff look are frosh signees 6-7 Mark Cline, who'll also swing to forward, and 5-3 Tyrone Bogues. The tiny Bogues was the sparkplug for last year's unbeaten (31-0) Baltimore Dunbar HS nationally No. 1 ranked prep team, while Cline was twice chosen as West Virginia's "Player of the Year."

Inside, the Deacons return two-thirds of their starting crew in 6-9 senior center/forward Anthony Teachey (10.1/8.5) and 6-6 senior swingman John Toms (13.8/3.9). The only other front line holdover of consequence is 6-6 soph Kenny Green (9.0/4.4), who saw the most action of the non-regulars last season, while newly arrived is the frosh threesome of 7-0 Craig Wessel, Wake's tallest recruit ever, 6-8 Todd May and 6-9 Mike Hillman. May, a transfer from Kentucky, was chosen the Bluegrass State's "Mr. Basketball" in 1982.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is another powerful Deacon team Coach Tacy is leading into the 1983-84 season, led by backliners Young and Rudd plus front court vets Teachey and Toms. Toss in a handful of blue-chip newcomers, and it all adds up to the definite possibility of Wake's winning another 20 games this season while vying for ACC title honors.

Virginia (29-5)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Is there life after The Stick? That's the question many are asking down Charlottesville way, where for the first time in four years UVA cage skipper Terry Holland's Cavs won't have the dominating presence of Ralph "Stick" Sampson in the middle. Holland points to Sampson's intimidating defense and rebounding prowess as the ingredients that will be hardest to replace, but he still feels: "We can beat anyone, but we have to play extremely well to do so and the other team can't have a great night."

UVA's strength this season will be what is arguably the ACC's, and perhaps the entire nation's, premier guard tandem of 6-0 senior Othell Wilson (13.8/15.2 assists) and 6-5 senior Rick Carlisle (10.9/9.8 feeds). Chief among the support personnel in this area is 5-10 senior Ricky Stokes (6.6/7.1 assists), who makes things happen quick coming off the bench, while two other back line holdovers with letter-winning polish are 6-0 junior Kenny Johnson (1.0) and 6-4 soph Kenny Lambiotte (2.8). Coach Holland obviously felt confident enough about his veteran guard contingent that not a single newcomer was added in this area.

Up front, of course, no one is soon to replace the awesome Sampson, while graduation also claimed three-year forward regular Craig Robinson. "Although Sampson and Robinson were fine scorers, we can replace that in our lineup," feels Coach Holland. "It's the rebounding (Sampson and Robinson were 1-2 the past two years) that we'll be most concerned about." Foremost of the inside holdovers are 6-7 senior and top returning board banger Kention Edelin (2.1/4.9), 6-9 senior bruiser Wingo Smith (1.2/0.8) and the junior threesome of 6-8 Jim Miller (9.6/3.6), 6-5 small forward/big guard Tim Mullen

(6.9/1.8) and 6-6 Dan Merrifield (3.0/1.7). A pair of frosh inside recruits counted on for immediate contributions are 6-8 Tom Sheehy, a consensus prep All-American who has been favorably compared to Larry Bird, and 6-10 Olden Polynice, a first team all-city pick from New York's All Hallows HS. It's expected the smallish, but spidery-quick Edelin and rookie Polynice will share the pivot spot while Sheehy could be a starter from day one at forward.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Yes, Virginia, there will be life after The Stick, but the only thing is - it may not be quite as enjoyable for Cavalier roundball fans. Led by the superb guard duo of Wilson and Carlisle and their somewhat small but scrappy front line, the 1983-84 Cavs should battle again for a first division ACC finish and post-season tourney invite, but sans the mighty Sampson, Virginia's days of national title contention are at an end for the time being.

North Carolina State (26-10)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Cinderella was a poor relation compared to last year's Wolfpack, who streaked to a totally unexpected national roundball championship, winning four of their seven NCAA tournament games by four points or less. But graduation has claimed the stellar threesome of early NBA draftees Thurl Bailey, Dereck Whittenburg and Sidney Lowe, who supplied a combined total of 1,392 points, 469 rebounds, 372 assists, 120 steals and 101 blocked shots to last year's championship effort. "In addition," points out NC State skipper Jim Valvano, "the so-called chemistry of the team, which was talked about so often last season, was the direct result of the outstanding leadership of those three young men."

Two regulars do return to the Wolfpack front line in 6-7 junior forward Lorenzo Charles (8.1/6.0) and 6-11 junior center Cozell McQueen (3.5/5.5), while a good bet to nail down the third full-time job is 6-7 senior Alvin Battle (2.7/2.0). Two other front line holdovers of note are 6-8 junior Walter "Dinky" Proctor and 6-7 junior Mike Warren, with this year's frosh recruiting harvest turning up a quartet of front line prospects - 6-8 "Parade Magazine" prep All-America Russell Pierre, 6-11 Terry Shackleford and the 6-7 duo of Bennie Bolton and Rodney Butts.

Stepping right into the departed Whittenburg's shooting guard shoes will be sensational 6-4 soph Ernie Myers (11.2), who set an ACC frosh one-game scoring record last season when he bucketed 35 points versus Duke. Veterans vying for the point guard spot are 6-0 junior Terry Gannon (3.5) and 6-0 soph George McClain (2.7), although both are in danger of being hurdled over by diminutive, but dynamic 5-6 JUCO transfer Anthony "Spud" Webb.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With all that graduation has cost them, it's next to impossible to see the Wolfpack duplicating last year's truly Cinderella-ish story. Respectable at the least, that the 1983-84 NC State cagers will be, as well as strong bidders for a first division ACC spot. But there's too few hosses in Jim Valvano's stable to expect anything bordering last year's heroics.

Duke (11-17)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Avg.**

Blossoming, that's what the Blue Devils should start doing this season, which Coach Mike Krzyzewski opens with some of the finest young talent in the ACC. Krzyzewski and his coaching aides have also added two premier frosh prospects in mountainous 7-2, 250-pound center Martin Nessley and 6-0 point guard Tommy Amaker.

Amaker and Blue Devil guards will follow the lead of 6-2 soph Johnny Dawkins, a sweet-shooting lefthander who fired in 18.1 ppg and dished off 13.4 assists in a sensational frosh season. Graduation, however, claimed Chip Engelland and Tom Emma out of the Duke back court, leaving as the only other experienced hand 5-10 senior Richard Ford, who appeared in only five games last year. Frosh guard Amaker will help here.

Up front, the Blue Devils are just ecstatic about the potential of the soph forward threesome of Mark Alarie (13.0/6.5), last year's top rebounder and No. 2 scorer; 6-5 leaper David Henderson (9.1/4.3) and 6-8 Jay Bilas (8.8/5.7). Rounding out a deep veteran cast inside are 6-7 junior Dan Meagher (4.9/3.4), 6-9 junior Todd Anderson (2.1/1.9), 6-6 soph Weldon Williams

(1.9/0.9), 6-5 senior Doug McNeely (2.0/0.9) and 6-9 junior Jay Bryan (1.2/0.5). Towering freshman Nessley, although probably a year or two away from realizing his full potential, is bound to help because of his great size in the middle.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Two straight outstanding recruiting harvests have things looking up for Coach Mike Krzyzewski in Durham. This year's Blue Devils are probably still a tad too young overall to seriously challenge for the ACC title, but Duke has a legitimate shot at ending up in the league's first division.

Georgia Tech (13-15)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Upwardly mobile, that's Coach Bobby Cremins' Rambling Wreck cagers in the ACC world, where too often in the recent past the league's power brokers have used Tech as a doormat. Not many will be wiping their feet on this year's Yellow Jackets though, as via back-to-back outstanding recruiting harvests Cremins has Tech's roundball future looking rosier than it has in some time.

The plum of last year's recruits, 6-0 soph guard sensation Mark Price (20.3), is already a legitimate All-America candidate after leading the ACC in scoring (first frosh ever to do so), free throw shooting percentage and three-point field goal accuracy last season. Price can fill the hole up, that's for damned straight, as can the top blue-chipper in Tech's most recent talent haul, 6-4 incoming freshman Bruce Dalrymple, who because of his tremendous leaping ability could also see small forward duty. "He thrives in an open-court game. An unmatched 6-4 rebounder," is how one recruiting service described Dalrymple. A second frosh guard signee is 6-5 Craig Neal, an Indiana prep all-stater, while outside of Price the most noteworthy of Tech's guard vets is 6-2 senior Anthony Byrd (8.9), who started a half dozen games last season.

Up front for the Rambling Wrecks, 6-9 soph power forward John Salley (11.5/5.7) is a holdover regular who joined Price on last year's ACC all-rookie team. Following Salley's lead will be holdovers 6-10 soph Tim Harvey (6.1/4.4), who answered the starting call 19 times his frosh campaign, along with 6-7 soph Jack Mansell (1.6/1.8), 6-8 senior Greg Wilson (1.2/0.4) and a 1982-83 injured redshirt, 6-11 junior Yvon Joseph, who if mended-ends a good shot at becoming Tech's third inside regular this season. If so, the 6-11 Joseph, 6-9 Salley and 6-10 Harvey will give the Yellow Jackets one of the tallest starting front lines in the ACC. The lone newcomer to this area is 6-6 JUCO transfer Scott Petway.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: On the strength of two outstanding recruiting years by Coach Cremins and his staff, Tech's basketball fortunes look brighter than they have in a long time as they approach the 1983-84 season. A plus-500 finish should be in the cards for this year's Rambling Wrecks, who might even send tremors through the league with a first division finish.

Clemson (11-20)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Last season marked the first time in his 18 years as a head basketball coach that Bill Foster endured a losing record, and the veteran Tiger skipper most decidedly didn't enjoy that experience. The single thing that most undermined the 1982-83 Tigers was the broken wrist suffered by guard standout Vincent Hamilton just three games into the season.

Hamilton, a 6-4 junior who was sporting a 15.3 scoring average before getting hurt, is 100 percent again and will reclaim his starting job at second guard. Once again sharing point man duties is the 6-2 senior duo of Mark Campbell (9.1/12.4 assists) and Mike Eppley (5.7/10.6 feeds). Two other back court holdovers who started 1982-83 games are sophs 6-2 Warren Wallace (7.5) and 6-5 Chris Michael (7.5), while 6-6 JUCO transfer Glenn Corbit, a 24 ppg scorer and third team JC All-American, will swing between big guard and small forward.

Experience abounds in Clemson's front line, where the Tigers return five players who started games last season - seniors 6-7 Clarke Bynum (4.5/2.6) and 6-6 Murray Jarman (7.5/3.5) along with juniors 6-8 Raymond Jones (11.5/7.1), 6-7 David Shaffer (9.1/4.9) and 6-9 soph Glen McCants (2.2/1.6). Although he didn't get the starting call once last season, 6-7

soph Anthony Jenkins (8.4/2.4) did appear in 25 games. A trio of freshmen front line prospects are 6-10 Ed Bleyant, who actually came to Clemson last year but redshirted, along with the 6-8 Grant brothers, Harvey and Horace, the first twin brother act in Tiger roundball history.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With Hamilton back and operating at top form again, plus the experience picked up by the many holdovers who started at different times in 1982-83, the Tigers have a good shot at pushing their won-lost mark above .500 this season. But this club is still destined, it seems, for a genuine struggle to escape the second division in the D-E-P with talented teams Atlantic Coast Conference.

Sun Belt

Virginia Commonwealth (24-7)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

With baited breath, that's how VCU cage fans are waiting for the 1983-84 season, which Coach J.D. Barnett's club enters with four holdover regulars and a cast of recruits widely regarded as the finest in school history. In his first four years at the Rams helm, Barnett has guided the team to a composite 83-35 mark and three NCAA Tournament appearances, and a fourth trip to the NAAs should be VCU's destiny again in 1983-84.

Anchoring a Ram back court contingent which may be the Sun Belt's deepest is 6-3 junior Calvin Duncan (17.4/123 assists), last season's league "co-player of the year," while also returning at point guard is 6-2 junior Rolando Lamb (7.2/156 feeds), who led the SBC in steals with 72 during the 1982-83 campaign. Offering veteran support in this area is 6-2 senior Stanley Davis (3.7), while new guard recruits are 6-3 JUCO transfer Nicky Jones and the frosh duo of 6-0 Bruce Allen and 6-6 swing man Sheldon Henriquez. Jones, a superb ballhandler and passer who could push Lamb for the point guard spot, was selected by "Basketball Weekly" as one of the nation's top ten junior college prospects.

The cornerstones in VCU's smallest front line are 6-8 junior center Mike Schlegel (9.8/5.8) and 6-5 soph small forward Michael Brown (10.6/4.2). In all, Ram skipper Barnett and his aides signed on five recruits for this area, including two JUCO products, 6-7 Neil Wake and 6-6 Robert Dickerson, along with the frosh threesome of 6-5 Don Franco, 6-9 Alvin Robinson and 6-8 David Still. Franco, called the best swing man ever recruited by VCU, could nail down a starting front line job right away.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Rams have been one of the SBC's most consistently successful members the past few years and that trend should continue into the 1983-84 season. Guard play, led by All-America candidate Duncan, will be VCU's strength this year and there's enough talent -- new and old -- up front to make the Rams certified pre-season contenders for league title honors.

South Alabama (16-12)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Avg.**

Generally picked to finish buried in the depths of the SBC last season, Coach Cliff Ellis' youth-dominated 1982-83 Jaguars surprised with a solid fifth place league standing. This year's Jags could be headed higher still in the SBC, since all the key players return and the USA coaching staff brought in several talented newcomers.

In the base line brigade, the Jaguar pacesetter is 6-8 junior forward Terry Catledge (19.7/9.9), an all-league pick and the SBC's premier board sweeper last season. Giving this area a look of solid, experienced depth are a quartet of other returnees who saw starting 1982-83 duty: 6-11 junior Kelly Blaine (6.6/5.8/48 shot rejections), 6-6 soph Dale Osbourne (6.5/2.4), 6-8 senior Willie Jackson (5.8/4.2) and 6-7 soph Jose Waitman (4.6/4.1). Two incoming frosh recruits here are 6-5 swing man Calodeis Canion, who scored 25 ppg and was a finalist in the voting for Florida's "Mr. Basketball" award, along with 6-7 fellow Sunshine State product Reggie Henry from Tallahassee.

Last year's Jaguar scoring leader, and the SBC's No. 2 point producer, returns in 6-6 senior guard Michael Gerren (20.1), who also handed out 126 assists a year ago. USA's ace player-maker is 6-4 soph point man Joe Karr (5.3/138 feeds), while foremost of the veteran guard backups is 6-3 soph Anthony Barge (5.6), who appeared in all 28 games and started seven his frosh year. In addition to sweet-shooting frosh swing man Canion, the Jag back line also stands to benefit from the arrival of 6-2 JUCO transfer Dexter Shouse, who could push Karr at the point spot.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This year's Jags won't be able to sneak up on folks like they did last season, but then -- they won't have to! Spearheaded by dual all-league picks Catledge inside and Gerren at guard, the 1983-84 USA cage express looks fully capable of winning around 20 games and making a run at the SBC top spot.

Alabama-Birmingham (19-14)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

The Blazers of Coach Gene Bartow will be shooting for their fourth consecutive NCAA Tourney invite and third straight Sun Belt title in 1983-84. What are their chances of achieving those goals? Good, great, excellent!

Start with a UAB back court tooled around brilliant young 6-1 soph point guard Steve Mitchell (6.4/103 assists), 6-4 senior Luellen Foster (11.1), last year's second highest scorer, and 6-5 senior McKinley Singleton (5.6). All three have started in the past. New guard recruits, both freshmen, are 6-1 Georgia prep all-stater James Ponder and 6-4 Greg Matta.

With both Cliff Pruitt and Lex Drum missing, Coach Bartow must rebuild UAB's front line which does return for full-time action 6-6 soph Jerome Mincy (5.9/4.3). Three other up front returnees with starting knowhow are 6-8 soph Archie Johnson (4.3/3.6), 6-7 soph Anthony Gordon (4.2/4.6), 6-5 senior Eugene Jones (1.8/2.1) and 6-7 junior Marvin Ray Johnson, who didn't play last year but was a part-time starter two seasons ago. The Blazers dipped into the JUCO ranks for Midland, Texas JC teammates 6-10 Ernest Harris and 6-6 Chester Smith, while 6-9 freshman Cedric Evans adds some needed height on the inside. If the 1983-84 UAB cagers are to flourish, the shoes of 1-2 rebounders Pruitt and Drum must be filled up front.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's been an enviable record UAB has run up during their fairly brief cage history, and this year's chapter figures to see more enjoyment for Blazer fans. First division SBC material and potential NCAA Tourney entrants are Coach Gene Bartow's 1983-84 Blazers.

South Florida (22-10)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

No matter where he has put down roots -- be it at North Carolina-Charlotte, Purdue or South Florida -- Lee Rose has turned out winning cage teams with amazing success. Rose, one of only three active coaches to take two different teams to the NCAA Tourney's Final Four, will send forth another powerful Bulls squad in 1983-84, lead by scoring sensation Charlie Bradley.

Bradley, a 6-6 junior forward, rewrote both the USF and Sun Belt scoring records his soph season, pouring in 28.2 ppg while also snatching 6.6 boards per outing. Last year's top rebounder and runnerup scorer, 7-0 senior Jim Grandholm (13.0/9.2), returns at the pivot spot. Rounding out an all-veteran starting front line is 6-8 soph Curtis Kitchens (4.7/5.3). Experienced inside reserves are 6-6 soph William Conner (4.8/2.0), who got the starting call a half dozen times his frosh year; and 6-8 junior Tim Strawbridge (1.8/2.5), with this year's recruiting hunt turning up the frosh threesome of 6-7 Darrel Coleman, the Jacksonville, Fla. "player of the year" his final prep campaign, 6-6 Carlton Phoenix and 6-7 Doug Wallace.

In the back court, a replacement must be found at the point for Lewis Card but a fixture guard again is 6-2 senior Keith Douglas (8.5/runnerup to Card with 113 assists). Returnees hot after Card's old spot are 6-0 senior Dave Bastian (4.3) and 6-2 soph Tom Tonelli (1.1), but two newcomers with designs of their own on that job are 6-0 JUCO transfer Darryl Patterson and 6-3 freshman Joel Canfall.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by point-making machine Bradley, last year's fourth highest Division 1-A scorer, the

Bulls should forge another banner won-lost mark this season. And if you want a legitimate candidate for the 1983-84 Sun Belt title, put down Coach Lee Rose's USF cagers.

N Carolina-Charlotte (8-20)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

The 49ers have been on a steady decline since the Cornbread Maxwell-led Final Four team of 1976-77, but things are looking up heading into Hal Wissel's second year at the UNCC cage helm. Wissel welcomes back all five regulars and most of the top reserves, plus he and his staff added what looks to be the school's finest recruiting harvest in some time.

Inside, UNCC's holdover regulars are the senior forward tandem of 6-9 Melvin Johnson (16.3/6.3), the team's leading scorer the past two years, and 6-5 Emery Atkinson (11.8/7.0) along with smallish 6-8 junior center Leroy Smith (5.4/4.4). Heading the veteran backup cast inside are seniors 6-7 Reuben McDaniel and 6-5 Tyrone Stephens, while bringing some badly needed size to this area is UNCC's tallest signee ever, 6-11 freshman Ray Gromlowicz, who with some seasoning should fill the 49ers need for a true center.

Answering the starting guard call again will be 6-3 junior John Gullickson (14.2) and 6-1 senior Randy Davis (11.5/SBC-leading 170 assists), while another back line holdover with a starting background is 6-2 senior Irvin Williamson (7.9). Via this year's frosh recruiting class, the 49ers added 5-11 speedster Keith Williams, 6-6 swing man Rusty Hargraves and 6-3 Billy Wheeler with 6-0 Michael Gardner coming aboard via the JUCO ranks. UNCC is heralding Williams as possibly the fastest player in school cage history. Williams can motor!

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This should be a much stronger 49er club than last year's 20-game loser, what with all the veterans returning and the fine crop of recruits. Double figures in victories is where this year's UNCC cagers should finish, but cracking the SBC's first division will be a tall assignment.

Old Dominion (19-10)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

With Mark West, college basketball's all-time shot blocking champion having graduated, Coach Paul Webb's 1983-84 Monarchs will take on a new front line look without their departed All-America pivotman. "We may quite possibly play with three forwards this season rather than two forwards and a true center," comments Webb, who led last year's ODU cagers to a share of the SBC regular season crown.

More than likely, the three players who'll make up this year's Monarch starting front line are soph holdover forward regulars 6-6 Ronnie Wade (9.4/4.8) and 6-8 Kenny Gattison (8.4/7.5) plus 6-8 junior Horace Lambert (4.9/3.7), who started 11 games last season. Veteran inside help will come from 6-7 senior Tim Southerland, 6-5 junior Fred Facka and 6-10 Clarence Hanley, with the lone new front line recruit being 6-7 freshman David Adkins.

Keying ODU's back court contingent will be 6-3 junior Charlie Smith (12.1/75 assists), last year's runnerup scorer and feeder, while 6-3 soph Keith Thomas (9.8) and 6-4 junior Mark Davis (4.1) are two more battle-decorated guard returnees. The other Monarch recruit is 6-5 frosh swingman David Phillips.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite the loss of the shot-rejecting, board-pounding West at center, this should be another solid ODU cage team Paul Webb has in 1983-84. If this club improves its shooting to go with its adequate size and quickness, this year's Monarchs could again end up in the SBC's first division.

Jacksonville (7-22)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

How many bright spots did you figure to find when a team, in this case last year's Dolphins, finish a 22-game loser? Coach Bob Wenzel for one feels there were some encouraging notes despite his team's 1982-83 showing, which included an 0-14 league record and a finish in the SBC cellar.

Wenzel points first and most proudly to explosive 6-4 soph small forward Otis Smith (14.3/8.7), the league's "freshman of the year" last season. Three other front line vets who saw extensive 1982-83 action are 6-9 junior center Terry Pike (5.1/6.3),



Senior forward Emery Atkinson topped NC-Charlotte in rebounding and field goal percentage last season.

a starter in 22 of 28 games, and the soph duo of 6-8 Tom Terrell (2.5/1.9) and 6-10 Eric Lewis (1.7/1.0), while 6-4 senior Harvin Council is hopefully mended from a knee injury that curtailed his play to just six games a year ago. Two frosh inside prospects are 6-7 Ken Nadaskay, who actually came to JU last year but redshirted with an ankle injury, along with 6-7 incoming yearling William McBroom, who led Connecticut's Bridgeport HS to a flawless 28-0 record and the state championship.

All but a lock at one guard spot is 6-3 junior Andrew Hinton (4.8), who ran the Dolphin offense the last third of his frosh season and impressed with his potential, with 6-4 senior letterman Darren Cross (4.7) penciled in at the other back line niche. A quartet of spanking new guard prospects who could erase Cross are 6-1 JUCO transfer Tony Watson and the frosh trio of 6-5 Ronnie Murphy, 6-3 Alfred Brown and 6-2 Darryl Person. Murphy, from Florida, and Georgia native Brown were both all-state picks and Murphy was rated by many as among the Sunshine State's top three prepsters.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's was one of the bleakest hours in Dolphin cage history, and Coach Wenzel may have some more tough sledding ahead in 1983-84. Soph small forward sensation Otis Smith and emerging point guard Hinton are the nucleus of a decent, but still young and depth-thin JU squad that seems destined for another losing record this college roundball campaign.

Western Kentucky (12-16)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Once the scourge of the Ohio Valley Conference, the Hilltoppers finished a lowly seventh last season in their first year of Sun Belt membership. But WKU cage mentor Clem Haskins and his assistants have signed on one of the SBC's finest recruiting groups, three of whom are 6-7 or taller, answering the Hilltoppers need for increased size underneath the hoop.

The most heralded of the newcomers is 6-9 freshman Kanard Johnson, who can play center, power forward ... or anywhere else except the bench. Johnson poured in 32.7 points and tore down an average of 20 rebounds his final year at Cincinnati's Taft HS and was chosen Ohio prep "player of the year." Three other tallish frosh signees are 6-9 Tellis Frank, 6-7

Mike Smith and 6-6 Bryan Asberry. Foremost of the veteran returnees inside are 6-8 soph Clarence Martin (6.6/4.5), 6-6 senior Gary Carver (5.6/3.3) and 6-7 junior Ken Gambrel (1.9/1.1).

In the back court, WKU returns three players who saw starting 1982-83 action in 5-10 senior point guard Bobby Jones (13.1/11 assists) and the junior duo of 6-5 Johnny Taylor (4.2) and 6-2 Dennis Johnson (2.6). A pair of soph letter-winners in reserve are 6-1 Billy Gordon (2.6) and 6-5 James Johnson (2.5) while via Kentucky and Purdue, respectively, the Hilltoppers have added transfer students 6-4 junior Jon Lawson and 6-3 soph Mike Ballenger. Both are former prep superstars who should help a great deal in the WKU back court.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Hilltoppers got a taste of Humble Pie in their first year of Sun Belt membership, and Coach Clem Haskins did not savor that taste one bit. For year two of their SBC experience, Haskins and his staff have added a handful of outstanding recruits who should greatly help the WKU cause, but this relatively young Hilltopper team of 1983-84 doesn't look ripe yet for a first division Sun Belt breakthrough.

Southern

Tennessee-Chattanooga (26-4)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Over the past two years, Mocs cage skipper Murray Arnold has led UT-Chattanooga to a composite 74-17 mark and victories in 42 of their last 44 Southern Conference games. Will that trend continue in 1983-84? Just as surely as James Watt will insert foot into mouth another time!

Leading a veteran-heavy hardwood aggregation is 6-3 senior big guard Willie White (18.4/74 assists), shooting for his third consecutive team scoring title, while 6-0 senior Chris McCray (6.3/81 feeds) returns at the point. Off the bench in the back court, Coach Arnold can send in 6-5 senior Donel Cochran and the 6-5 soph tandem of Eric Brown and Tim Ferguson, while two classy new guard recruits are 6-4 freshman James Hunter, selected by "Basketball Weekly" as one of the Top 20 big guards in last year's prep ranks, along with 6-0 freshman Maurice Head.

Forward play will be more than adequate, with battle-tested corner men 6-6 junior Gerald Wilkins (12.6/3.8), 6-6 senior Stanford Strickland (12.0/5.5) and 6-5 senior Lamar Oden (7.0/4.4) back for more action. Trying to fill the graduated Stanley Lawrence's center shoes are 6-9 JUCO transfer Clifford Morgan and 6-9 freshman Pat Dickman.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Mocs will be shooting for their fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance this season, and GAMEPLAN sees little standing in the way of that endeavor. Sparked by guard stalwarts White and McCray plus forwards Strickland and Wilkins, the Mocs should again in 1983-84 be the class act in the Southern Conference.

Furman (9-20)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

The Paladins lost practically nothing to graduation on top of which Coach Jene Davis and his staff have added five good-looking frosh recruits. As such, Furman should almost certainly improve their won-lost record this season.

The main man in a veteran-heavy front line is 6-7 senior forward George Singleton (16.1/8.2), who has shot better than 58 percent from the floor the past two years. Other inside holdovers who started games in 1982-83 are 6-6 junior Noel Gilliard (9.9/5.1), 6-8 senior Randy Morris (6.2/5.1) and 6-9 soph Greg Spurling (4.7/3.4), while a trio of incoming frosh recruits in this area are 6-8 Chuck Ham, 6-5 Eric Moore and 6-6 Herman Sims.

Vets abound, as well in Furman's back court where returnees with starting backgrounds are 6-0 senior Floyd Creed (8.9), 6-1 soph Dave Conrady (8.0), 5-10 senior Tommy Doughton (3.4/team high 84 assists), 5-8 senior Phil Thomas (2.6) and 6-3 junior Kevin Bryant (1.0). New guard prospects, both freshmen, are 6-3 Chris Keen and 6-1 Shawn Reid.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's was a season of adjustment for the Paladins and their then-rookie skipper, Jene Davis, who still calls this a relatively young team. Still, this year's Furman cagers look much stronger and deeper, so a victory total in double figures may go up on the Paladin side of the board in 1983-84.

Western Carolina (17-12)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Coach Steve Cottrell's Catamounts will be shooting for the school's fifth straight winning record and first division Southern Conference finish in 1983-84. Both are attainable goals for this year's WCU cagers, provided they survive an early schedule that has Coach Cottrell's club appearing in two of college basketball's most prestigious tournaments, the Fiesta Classic hosted by Arizona State and Tennessee's always tough Volunteer Classic.

Of WCU's four holdover regulars, two are guard incumbents 6-2 junior Quinton Lytle (12.5) and 5-10 senior Quentin Moore (8.6/105 assists). The veteran reserve back court corps is headed by 6-2 senior Bruce Hawkins (2.9) and 6-2 soph Caldwell Coleman (2.5), while added during the off-season talent hunt was the frosh guard duo of 6-1 Vincent "Spotlight" Walker, a first-team North Carolina prep all-stater with glowing credentials, and 6-5 swing man Brian Brunson. Catamount mentor Cottrell says Walker "could be one of our best guards ever."

Inside, top scorer, rebounder and All-SC pick Kenny Trimier has graduated, but the other two-thirds of the starting corps returns in 6-9 senior Pat Sharp (10.6/5.3) and 6-7 junior Cedric Cokely (9.9/3.3). Ticketed to fill Trimier's old spot is 6-8 senior Mike MacFarlane (2.6/1.8), who appeared in all 28 games last season, while off the bench the Catamounts have 6-5 soph Clifford Waddy (4.2/1.8), chosen to the league's all-freshman team a year ago. Casting their freshmen hats in the ring are 6-8 Chris Tipton, who joined fellow WCU recruit Walker in the North Carolina East-West all-star game, and 6-7 Richard Rogers.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although they could take a few lumps during a rugged early schedule, this year's Catamounts still have an excellent shot at rewarding Coach Steve Cottrell with a fifth straight winning season and another first division Southern Conference niche in 1983-84.

Marshall (20-8)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Despite 20 wins, the Thundering Herd went uninvited when post-season tourney time rolled around last year. Taking command of Marshall's basketball fortunes in 1983-84 is Rick Huckabay, an LSU assistant the past four years who inherits three Thundering Herd regulars, including team scoring champ LaVerne Evans.

The 6-4 senior Evans (13.8/4.6) is a superb small forward who gets veteran inside help from holdover forward regular 6-5 senior David Wade (11.2/7.0), while 6-8 senior Michael Dobson (3.5/3.6) is being counted on to fill the graduated Charles Jones' pivot shoes. If not, look for the third front line starting assignment to go to one of a pair of JUCO transfers, 6-5 JC All-American Sam Ervin or 6-7 Robert Epps.

Marshall's back court major domo is 6-0 senior point guard Sam Henry (7.7/157 assists), while three other returnees to this area with starting experience are 6-2 senior Rod Nelson (6.3), 6-5 senior Sam Winley (5.7) and 5-10 junior Jeff Battle (3.4). Via the JUCO ranks, the Thundering Herd also added rangy 6-4 big guard Bruce Morris.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Herd should again be an SC title contender under first-year skipper Rick Huckabay, provided the rebounding void created by the graduation of center Charles Jones can be adequately filled. GAMEPLAN thinks that one problem will be resolved, so look for another strong Marshall cage squad in 1983-84.

Appalachian State (6-21)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Problems, problems, problems! That's all ASU skipper Kevin Cantwell seemed to face last season, his first at the Mountaineer helm, as bad grades cost him several key players and

Injuries hounded others. "Now we've got to take care of the little matter of W's and L's," comments Cantwell with an eye toward marked improvement on last year's 6-21 nightmare.

Up front, ASU welcomes back the all-junior starting threesome of 6-9 Dale Roberts (10.5/8.3), 6-6 Wade Capehart (8.4/3.5) and 6-7 Bill Nealy (6.4/5.3), while 6-6 soph Rod Davis (5.4/3.9) is again the key inside relief man after appearing in all 27 games his yearling campaign. The Mountaineers also have 6-4 soph Walter Chambliss, a 1981-82 letterman redshirted last season, with some needed height in this area arriving in the person of 6-9 freshman Greg Dolan.

Spearheading the Old Gold and Black guard contingent is last year's scoring leader, 6-4 junior David Lawrence (15.3), while the seeming heir apparent at the other back line spot is 6-3 soph letterman Ronny Fiorini (3.8). His chief competition will come from a pair of JUCO transfers, 6-3 Jerome Williams and 6-5 Glenn Clyburn, with the latter also slated for small forward duty.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Up from the ashes of last season the Mountaineers of sophomore mentor Kevin Cantwell hope to rise, and with this team's plentiful veterans and some fine newcomers, 1983-84 is almost certain to see a stronger ASU hoop squad. But still, a plus-500 finish is too much to expect, so look for the Mountaineers to languish again in the Southern Conference's second division.

Davidson (13-15)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Which college cage team would you guess to take on a 1983-84 schedule including the likes of Duke, Wake Forest, South Carolina, North Carolina-Charlotte, Notre Dame and an appearance in Marquette's always tough Milwaukee Classic. Which team? None other than Coach Bobby Hussey's Wildcats, that's who!

Worse yet, Davidson must do so minus four of last year's top five scorers, although one returnee is top 1982-83 pointmaker Kenny Wilson (17.4/5.4), a high jumping 6-4 senior. Slated to occupy the center spot is 6-9 soph Jim McConkey (2.4/1.4), while two other front line holdovers who both saw action in 23 games last season are 6-7 sophs Rafael Hernandez and Gerry Born. The lone newcomer to this area is 6-6 freshman Anthony Tanner.

Back court returnees with letterman commendations are 6-5 senior Tom Franz (1.0), 6-0 soph Harold "Pepper" Bego (1.9) and 6-3 junior Frank Johnson (1.3). Frosh additions to the guard corps are 6-0 Caryl Dawson and 6-2 Chris Heineman.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With all the schedule they have to face in 1983-84, and all that graduation has cost them, the Wildcats appear headed for another long, losing year. Second division SC material, that's this year's Davidson cagers.

East Tennessee State (22-9)

Starters Returning—0 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

A big fat Z-E-R-O, that's how many regulars the Bucs return from last year's 22-win, NIT club with NBA draftees Troy Lee Mikell and Winfred King among the departees. On top of that, Coach Barry Dowd must lead his rebuilding Bucs against a 1983-84 schedule that early on has them traveling to -- ulp! -- Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina and an appearance in the Cabrillo Classic.

The veteran among this year's ETSU cagers is 6-2 senior guard Marcus Reese (9.9), who appeared in all 31 games last season, while rounding out the experience back line corps is the letter-winning soph threesome of 5-11 Wes Stallings, 6-2 Albert Sams and 6-1 Jimmy Goff. New guard prospects are 6-2 soph James Tandy, a transfer from Texas-Austin, and 6-2 freshman Carniel Manuel.

Up front, the Bucs return three players who between them appeared in a combined total of only 27 games last season -- 6-4 soph Calvin Cannady, 6-9 junior Mike Dent and 6-5 soph Mark Lester. Brightening the picture in this area, however, is the arrival of five recruits including JC products 6-9 James Hildebrand and 6-8 Mark Watkins, 6-8 Virginia Commonwealth transfer David Vaught and the frosh duo of 6-6 Jamie Phillips and 6-5 Scott Daniel. Most touted of those newcomers is Hildebrand, a Big Ten All-Freshman pick two years ago while playing at Wisconsin, and frosh signee Phillips, a West Virginia all-state prepster.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: How quickly the newcomers produce holds the key to this season for the Bucs. But with so much inexperience, this just has to be a weaker 1983-84 ETSU cage squad.

VMI (2-25)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Avg.**

You have to go back to the 1977-78 season to discover the last time the Keydets managed a winning hardwood record, and VMI's past three editions have all been 20-plus game losers. This season, Marty Fletcher's third as cage boss in Lexington, should be somewhat more enjoyable for long-suffering Keydet rooters but let's face it -- that shouldn't be hard after VMI's composite 7-73 mark over the last three cage campaigns.

The area of greatest depth for this year's Keydets will be the back court, where 6-3 junior Cedrick Wins (15.2), last year's scoring co-leader, and the Southern Conference's 1982-83 "freshman of the year," 6-2 soph Mike Huffman (7.9/103 assists) are the incumbent regulars. Backstopping them is the 6-3 soph tandem of Tommy McHugh (4.2) and Jerome Butler (1.5), while further brightening the back line picture is the addition of two incoming freshmen, 5-11 Clarence Scott and 6-1 Steve Tooker, the latter a Richmond Benedictine HS product who made first team Catholic all-state and was chosen All-American by the Chicago Catholic newspapers.

Holdover regulars on the inside from a year ago are 6-4 junior Darren Sawyer (15.2/5.0), co-scoring champ, and 6-7 junior Mike Herndon (4.2/4.7), who started at power forward last season but will move to the pivot spot in 1983-84. Tall but rough-edged 6-10 soph Jim Shanley has his eye on the final starting up front berth, but our instincts tell **GAMEPLAN** it will go instead to one of four freshmen recruits -- 6-6 Mark Current, 6-9 Eric Metheny, 6-7 Steve Weeks or 6-7 Jay Nagle. Nagle, who garnered three-time first team All-State honors among North Carolina independent prep schools, gets our vote to start.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Runnin' on empty is the name of an old Jackson Browne tune, which also describes how the last few editions of VMI basketballers have been. Sp-p-puttering! **GAMEPLAN** full well expects the 1983-84 Keydets will be better given the material on hand, but their chances of escaping the Southern Conference second division are remote.

The Citadel (12-16)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Avg.**

Having finished just 12-16 last season and also having lost five of their top seven scorers, how can this year promise much for Coach Les Robinson's Bulldogs? Add to that a non-league slate which includes the likes of college basketball's last two national champions, North Carolina State and North Carolina, and what you have is a lot of concerned looks down Charleston way.

The top holdover pointmaker is 6-4 junior guard Regan Truesdale (13.1), while two other back line returnees with fair experience are 6-3 junior Dan Matthews (2.3) and 6-0 soph Jimmy Tharpe (3.8). This year's lone new recruit is 6-3 transfer Al Sheppard.

Inside, foremost of the returning vets are 6-6 junior Shawn Brown (6.3/4.0) and 6-6 senior John Sterling (5.0/5.7), but otherwise newcomers will probably make or break this area. Those freshly minted frontliners are 6-6 transfer Patrick Elmore and the frosh quartet of 6-8 John Hartwell, 6-6 Craig Burgess, 6-5 Joey Granger and 6-7 Warren Sellers. Hartwell, tallest of the Bulldogs, was the leading prep scorer (22.5) in the Mobile, Alabama area last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It would be downright foolhardy, considering all that graduation has claimed off last year's no-great-shakes Bulldogs, to expect anything better in 1983-84. Another second division SC finish may be unavoidable for this year's 'Dogs.

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Others

William & Mary (20-9)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Barry Parkhill has replaced older brother Bruce, now head coach at Penn State, at the William & Mary cage helm and the younger Parkhill sees no major changes forthcoming in his first year as boss man. "Bruce developed an outstanding program here and I sure don't anticipate making any changes in our approach to the game," says Barry.

The backbone of this year's Indians will be the stellar junior guard combo of 6-4 Keith Cieplicki (16.0) and 6-2 Tony Traver (10.9), both of whom shot better than 85 percent from the free throw line and ranked among the Division 1-A leaders in that department a year ago. Most reliable of the veteran guard reserves is 6-1 soph Scott Coval (3.2), team "rookie of the year" last season, while this year's frosh haul contains 6-2 Scott Trimble, Suburban Philadelphia "player of the year" and a Pennsylvania all-stater his final prep campaign.

W&M must replace both center Brant Weidner and forward Mike Strayhorn up front, and how well this is accomplished will dictate another good year for the Indians. Experienced inside returnees are 6-7 junior Herb Harris, a co-regular two years ago who sat out last season; 6-6 junior Kevin Richardson (8.8/4.4), 6-6 senior Gary Bland (3.9/2.9) and 6-8 junior Matt Brooks (1.9/1.3). Help for this area was W&M's chief thought during off-season recruiting and as a result, coming on board is the frosh threesome of 6-9 Bobby Dail 6-10 Mark Boddy and 6-7 David Bond.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last season's 20-9 finish and NIT invite marked one of the finest campaigns in W&M round-ball history and there's little reason to expect this club will backslide much in 1983-84. Led by guard standouts Cieplicki and Traver, the Indians should scalp more than their share of opponents this season, and a return to post-season tourney action could be in the offing for William & Mary.

James Madison (20-11)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Above Avg.

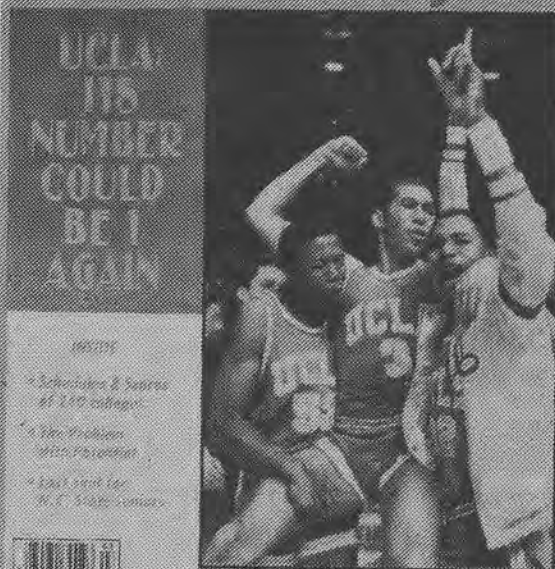
Graduation has whittled away at the nucleus of a JMU cage squad that led the Dukes to a composite 65-26 mark and NCAA Tournament appearances the past three years. But it will be a young and relatively inexperienced team Coach Lou Campanelli will lead into the 1983-84 campaign, with Campanelli commenting somewhat tongue-in-cheek: "It looks like it might be a good year to take a sabbatical."

The quarterback for JMU's offense will be 5-9 senior point guard Derek Steele (7.9/8.9 assists), a starter 15 times last season, while two other back court returnees with letterman savvy are 6-5 junior Jimmy Masloff (1.6) and 6-4 William Hughes (2.1). Frosh guard candidates include the 6-3 duo of Eric Brent and Anthony Inge, both 23 ppg scorers their final prep campaigns, along with 6-0 playmaker Kevin Sutton, who averaged nearly nine assists per outing his senior schoolboy season.

Up front, the only certainty is that starting at one forward spot will be 6-7 junior Greg Mosten (5.34.5), who played sparingly early last season but finished strong as a starter in nine of JMU's final 12 contests. Monogram winners after the other two regular inside spots are 6-7 senior Keith Bradley (4.6/2.7), 6-6 junior Darrell Jackson (3.5/2.9) and the soph pair of 6-6 Tracy Williams (1.6/0.7) and 6-9 Eric Esch (1.1/1.3). Newly arrived are two frosh signees, 6-5 John Newman and 6-6 George Kingland. Newman led Greensboro's Page HS to a 26-0 record and the North Carolina Group AAAA championship last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This could be an off year for the Dukes, who face one of their biggest rebuilding projects yet under skipper Lou Campanelli. Inexperience in all areas is the biggest obstacle this club must hurdle, and it's our estimation the 1983-84 Dukes will fall short of the 20-win seasons of the past three years.

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Richmond (12-16)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The cardiac care unit at local hospitals must have been put on standby every time last year's Spiders played, as Coach Dick Tarrant's UR cagers had 19 games in 1982-83 when the final outcome was undecided with a minute or less to go. And in seven of those contests, the ultimate winner was decided by two points or less.

Gone from that pulse-pounding unit are two regulars, including guard standout and NBA draftee Tom Bethea. Once more set at the other back line berth is 6-2 junior Kelvin Johnson (9.9), while monogram winners after the vacancy across from him are 5-10 soph speedster Greg Beckwith, 6-1 junior Larry Fells and 6-2 soph Robert Tucker. A trio of frosh guard signees are 6-2 Joe Runk, a shooter from the word go who pumped in 24.2 ppg his senior prep season, along with 6-2 Marty Johnson and 6-5 swing man Tim Hardin.

Up front, UR has a budding star in 6-7 soph forward John Newman (12.2/3.1), the 1982-83 ECAC-South "rookie of the year," with 6-9 senior Bill Flye (7.7/5.0) slated to shift to the vacant pivot spot after starting at power forward last season. The lone other battle-seasoned inside holdover is 6-5 soph letterman John Davis (1.9/2.1), so the Spiders will be looking for help right away from 6-7 JUCO transfer Gary Powell and the freshman duo of 6-10 Lee Goss and 6-6 Bryan Simmons.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's an uphill struggle the Spiders face as they try to scale back above .500 in 1983-84, no easy task with a schedule listing the likes of Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth twice each, Wake Forest, South Carolina and Marquette. So, we'll be the first to congratulate UR skipper Dick Tarrant if he can guide his cagers to a winning 1983-84 record.

East Carolina (16-13)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Last year's 16-13 finish broke a two-year losing streak for the Pirates, and credit must go to then-rookie skipper Charlie Harrison for ECU's turnaround. But with three of his top four inside players having departed, including top scorer and rebounder Johnny Edwards who transferred to Indiana State, sailing to another winning record will be a hazard-fraught voyage for the Bucs.

The back court is ECU's strength with 6-1 junior Bruce Peartree (10.4) and 6-1 senior Tony Robinson (5.5/81 assists) once more ready to answer the opening whistle. In the wings, there's the letter-winning threesome of 6-1 seniors Herbert Gilchrist and John Williams, plus 6-0 soph Curt Vanderhorst, while ECU's most recent recruiting efforts culled the frosh guard tandem of 6-2 William Grady and 6-3 Keith Sledge, all-state prep selections from, respectively, New Jersey and North Carolina.

"It will be a trail and error situation in the early going," says Coach Harrison of his team's front line predicament. Far and away the best of the veteran holdovers is 6-5 junior Barry Wright (11.8/3.7), a swing man in the past who figures to see almost exclusive small forward duties this season. Two tallish but ill-experienced inside returnees are 6-10 junior David Reicheneker and 6-8 David Harris; but it's newcomers who will ultimately make or break the Pirates in this area. Introducing, then, the frosh quartet of 6-10 Leon Bass, who grew an amazing five inches between his junior and senior prep years; 6-6 Derrick Battle, 6-7 Roy Smith and 6-9 Jack Turnbull. Smith, Turnbull and Battle were all selected to play in the North Carolina East-West all-star game.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With the extensive losses

sustained in their front line, the 1983-84 Pirates will have to go some to duplicate last year's plus-.500 finish. And that, in light of ECU again facing another tough lineup of opponents this year, looks like too tall an order for Charlie Harrison's second edition of Bucs basketball.

George Mason (15-12)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Patriots have shown steady improvement in their three years under Coach Joe Harrington, and his fourth edition of GMU cagers looks to be Harrington's best group yet. Leading the Patriot charge is brilliant 6-5 junior guard Carlos Yates, last year's third highest Division 1-A scorer with a 26.8 ppg average.

There's a wide open battle for the starting spot opposite Yates in the Patriot back court, pitting seniors 6-1 Andy Bolden (11.0 through nine games before becoming academically ineligible) and 5-10 John Niehoff (7.5) along with the soph duo of 6-5 Rob Rose (10.4) and 6-3 Ricky Wilson (8.0). With Yates taking care of the brunt of GMU's scoring punch out front, what the Pats need is a playmaker alongside him, and those best suited for that role are Niehoff and Wilson, who ran 1-2 in assists last season.

Inside, Coach Harrington welcomes back three players who started 1982-83 games in 6-2 junior small forward Mike Yohe (5.4/1.3), 6-5 soph Dwayne Grace (3.5/2.7) and 6-4 senior Ricky Dillard (5.9 through nine games before bad grades sat him down). Also returning is 6-7 soph letterman Vincent McQueen (1.8/2.0) while back and still retaining freshman eligibility are two players who redshirted last year, 6-8 Rob Nieberlein and 6-9 Chuck Dyson. Brand new front line additions are 6-7 JUCO transfer Warren Green and the frosh pair of 6-9 Tom Shapiro and 6-8 Mike Dufrene.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With scoring machine Yates showing the way, the Patriot back court should be the strongest area of this team again. But unless holdovers and newcomers alike produce inside with greater consistency, especially on the boards, GMU won't be able to show much improvement on their won-lost mark this season.

New Orleans (23-7)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

Nowadays in major college basketball, with everybody and his brother casting their lots with established leagues, it takes a very special non-aligned independent to get much real recognition. Last year's Privateers did, though, forging 23 wins (which led to an NIT invite) against a schedule that took them from Tennessee to Green Bay, WI to Buffalo, NY. But with 1-2 scorers and NBA draftees Mark Petteway and Oscar Taylor, plus playmaking ace and No. 3 pointmaker Claude Butler graduated, UNO mentor Don Smith has tough sledding in '83-'84.

The Privateers top holdover scorer, and mind you he was only fifth highest on the 1982-83 charts, is 6-8 junior center John Harris (6.0/4.1), while two more holdovers with battle-citations are 6-7 soph Terrance Breaux (4.6/4.0) and 6-6 senior Acie Sanders (4.4/2.9). Also ready to go after redshirting due to injury all but last year's first two games is 6-5 junior Robert Johnson. The UNO coaches are hopeful of getting immediate and extensive inside contributions from two new additions to this area, 6-7 Cornell Young and 6-5 freshman Terrance Bellock.

Heir apparent at the departed Butler's point guard spot is 6-3 soph letterman Seamus Tuohy (1.0), whose older brother Sean holds the all-time Southeast Conference career assists record, with the second guard berth drawing the interest of 5-10 Eugene "Beatie" Washington (2.6) and 6-5 soph swing man Rich Coffey (1.0). Immediately eligible to help out front is 6-4 freshman Lawrence Gradnigo, while come the second semester the Privateers will also be able to avail themselves to the services of 6-2 U. of Indiana transfer Rocky Adrianson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's a tough act the UNO cagers have to follow after their super 1982-83 showing, one of the best in the school's hardwood annals. But with another tough intersectional lineup of foes again on tap for this year's Privateers, they probably won't win 20 games again, and may be dangled lucky to finish with a winning record period.

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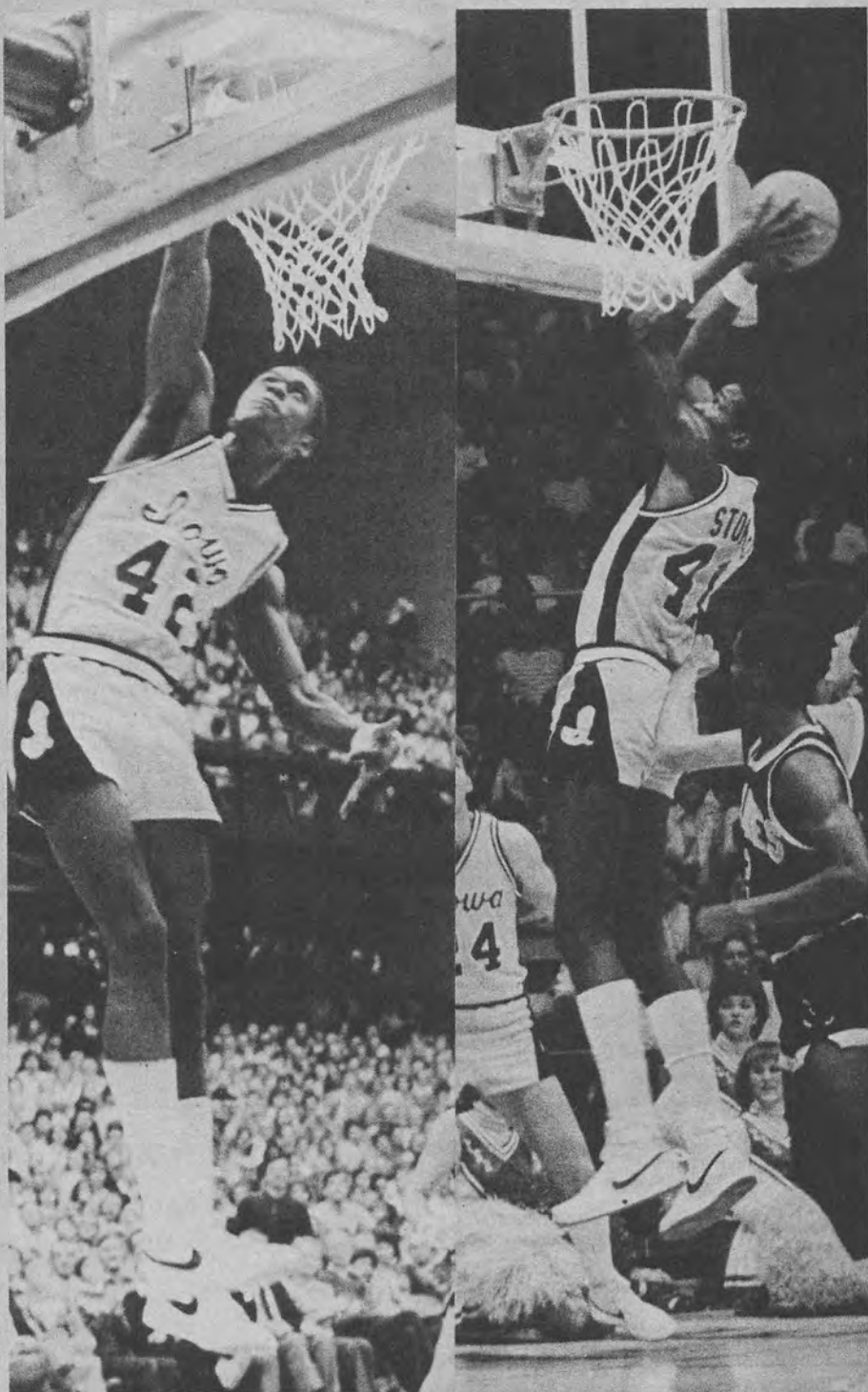
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The twin towers of Michael Payne (left) and Greg Stokes (right) give Iowa's Hawkeyes the top up front combo in the Big Ten.

Big Ten

Iowa (21-10)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Although George Raveling has replaced Arizona-bound Lute Olson as the Hawkeye cage skipper, little else will probably change for Iowa this season. The last five years Iowa has gone to the NCAA Tournament, a Big Ten record, while six of the last seven years the Hawkeyes have won 20 or more games. The 1983-84 season? Look for the same Iowa script.

Bulwarking what may be the Big Ten's premier front line is the junior duo of 6-10 center Greg Stokes (17.7/7.2), top scorer and No. 2 rebounder his soph year, and 6-11 big forward Michael Payne (10.6/7.5). Adding even more height to a huge base line contingent is 7-0 soph backup center Brad Lohaus (1.3/0.6), with 6-7 senior Craig Anderson (1.7/1.3) and 6-7 soph Brian Boyle (2.0/0.8) best of the forward reserves. Newcomers to this area, all freshmen, are 6-6 Kent Hill, chosen "player of the year" in Kansas his final prep year, 6-8 Dave Snedeker and 6-5 swing man Robert Urserly.

Although graduation claimed sweet-shooting Bobby Hansen out of the back court, the Hawkeyes do welcome back for regular point guard chores 6-2 senior Steve Carfino (10.9/13.4 assists). Ninety percent certain of filling Hansen's old spot is exciting 6-4 soph Andre Banks (2.7), the team's ace sixth man last season, with 6-2 junior Todd Berkenpas (2.3) foremost of the other guard vets. Two fresh backliners are 6-5 freshman Johnny Fort, one of Indiana's most heralded prep prospects, and 5-10 JUCO transfer Kenny Fullard.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The beat will continue in Iowa City even though George Raveling has taken Lute Olson's place as head coach. Anywhere you care to look at the Hawkeyes, they get passing grades, and when you put down the strongest contenders for this year's Big Ten title, place Iowa very high on the list.

Indiana (25-7)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Above Avg.

All indicators point to a rebuilding year for Coach Bobby Knight and his Hoosiers, who lost four starters including three high NBA draftees (Randy Wittman, Ted Kitchel and Jim Thomas) to graduation. But Knight, as any college roundball fan can verify, has been cranking out powerhouse after powerhouse during his tenure in Bloomington and 1983-84 more than likely will see another strong Hoosier team take the floor.

Indiana's lone returning regular is 7-2 junior center Uwe Blab (9.4), who showed tremendous improvement his sophomore season, but the only other returnee to this area with so much as letter winning experience is 6-9 soph Mike Giomi (2.3). The Hoosiers will have available 6-5 leaper Tracy Foster, an injured redshirt last year who still retains freshman eligibility, while coming on board is the newly recruited frosh duo of 6-8 Todd Meier, a Wisconsin prep all-stater, and 6-7 Daryl Thomas.

The Hoosiers are deeper in terms of experienced personnel at the guard positions, where holdovers with battle citations are 6-5 juniors Winston Morgan (2.9) and 6-5 Dan Dakich (1.6), 6-2 soph Stew Robinson (1.9) and 6-2 senior Cam Cameron (0.5). Many will tell you that in Steve Alford and Marty Simmons, both incoming frosh guards, Indiana landed quite possibly the best pair of back court recruits in the country. The 6-2 Alford was Indiana's Mr. Basketball and scored at a blistering 37.2 ppg average last season, while the 6-5 Simmons bucketed 31.9 ppg his final prep year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It is indeed a large rebuilding job facing Bobby Knight in Bloomington, but Bobby has many times before seen his club ravaged by graduation only to rebound quicker than many thought possible. That's the outlook for the Hoosiers in 1983-84 as well, since GAMEPLAN predicts that once Knight molds the old with the new and gets his team humming, Indiana will again be among the strongest bidders for Big 10 title honors.

Michigan (15-13)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

In what all indicators project will be a wide open, all comers welcome race for the 1983-84 Big Ten crown, put down Bill Frieder's Wolverines as one of the more impressive bidders. Returning from last year's club, which rebounded from the previous season's 7-20 finish, are eight of the top nine scorers, including gifted All-American guard candidate Eric Turner.

A year ago, 6-3 junior Turner finished third in league scoring (20.2 in conference games, 19.2 overall) and set a Maize and Blue record with his 160 assists. Most prominent of the other back court holdovers are 6-3 junior Leslie Rockymore (13.4), felled 17 games into last season by a now fully-mended knee injury, and 6-1 senior Dan Pelekoudas (3.3/80 feeds). Putting an even greater luster on guard play is the arrival of three freshmen blue-chip guard prospects, all Michigan prep all-state selections last year — 6-5 Antoine "The Judge" Joubert, the state's "Mr. Basketball" and a 31.5 ppg scorer; along with 6-1 Garde Thompson (27.2 per game) and 6-3 Quincy Turner (25.2). Although he got only those three guard recruits in this year's haul, Coach Frieder nonetheless enjoyed one of the finest harvests in the Big Ten.

On the inside, brawny 6-11 senior Tim McCormick (12.6/6.4) returns for his final year of starting pivot duty with support from 6-10 soph letterman Roy Tarpley (3.5/3.2). It's expected the forward spots will be shared by a talented quartet of sophomores, all of whom started 1982-83 games — 6-6 bruiser Richard Relford (8.0/3.5), 6-9 Robert Henderson (5.8/5.8), 6-8 Paul Jokisch (4.6/2.2) and 6-7 Butch Wade (4.4/3.9).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although still a team on the youngish side (McCormick and Pelekoudas are the only senior classmen), the 1983-84 Wolverines look primed to play a prominent role in the race to decide the Big Ten roundball championship. Both up front and in the back court, the Wolves possess the talent to not only have a say in the league title run, but the Maize and Blue just might walk off with the whole thing!

Illinois (21-11)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Many coaches might have been tempted to swallow hemlock, ala Aristotle, had they as did Illini skipper Lou Henson unexpectedly lost a player the caliber of All-American guard and NBA hardship draftee Derek Harper. Not Henson, though, who has in eight years in Illini country led the school's cage forces to a composite 144-95 record (.603), post-season tournament appearances each of the past four years — and doubtless more of the same in 1983-84 even without Harper!

The emerging all-star in the Big Orange back court is super 6-3 soph playmaking wizard Bruce Douglas (9.4 ppg), who set school records for assists (189) and steals (78) his frosh campaign. Douglas has hands so quick magician David Copperfield would be impressed! Fellow soph 6-4 Doug Altenberger (3.1), a starter four times last season, has all but sewed up the vacant guard spot while the backup cache in this area numbers 5-11 senior Quinn Richardson, a two-time letterman who didn't play last season, 6-2 soph Reggie Woodward and 5-10 incoming freshman Tony Wysinger. **GAMEPLAN** quite frankly isn't very impressed with the Illini reserve guard strength, so Douglas and Altenberger had probably better be ready for iron-men duties this season.

Yet another blossoming soph standout, 6-9 Efreem Winters (12.4/6.9), and 6-9 junior Anthony Welch (11.8/6.3) are fixtures once again at the forward spots. Rugged 6-8 junior George Montgomery (5.8/4.6) is the logical choice to fill the third inside berth, although some are putting their money on 6-7 incoming freshman Tom Schafer, an Illinois all-stater and one of the Midwest's top rated prep forwards.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Success has almost come to be taken for granted in Champaign since Lou Henson took command of the Illini roundball fortunes, and his tenure has witnessed one of the school's most outstanding eras in the sport. It's better than even odds 20 or more wins will be up on

the Illini side when the 1983-84 campaign is over, and Coach Henson's typically strong basketballers seem headed for the school's third NCAA Tournament appearance in the past four years. Bet on it!

Michigan State (17-13)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

Not since the Magic Johnson-led national championship team of 1979 have the Spartans boasted the talent they do heading into this season. "There is not one position," comments MSU skipper Jud Heathcote, "where we do not have what we consider to be an excellent starter, but also an excellent backup player." Strong Big 10 title contenders, that's the 1983-84 Spartans!

Start with what may be the league's premier guard tandem of 6-2 junior Sam Vincent (16.6) and 6-1 soph Scott Skiles (12.5/14.6 assists). Vincent was a second team All-Big Ten pick last season, while Skiles was voted the league's "Freshman of the Year" by Big 10 coaches. Chief among the veteran guard reserves is 6-4 senior Tim Gore, while two frosh guard recruits are 6-2 Darryl Johnson, who led Michigan's Flint Central HS to state titles the past two years, along with 6-4 Greg Pedro.

Up front, the pivot spot is capably manned again by 7-0 senior Kevin Willis (13.3), who a year ago led the Big 10 in both rebounding (9.6) and field goal percentage (.596). A fixture at one forward spot is 6-8 senior Ben Tower (5.9/4.7), while three other front line holdovers with starting experience are 6-8 junior Larry Polec (4.5/2.8), 6-5 soph swing man Patrick Ford (4.7/1.7) and 6-9 senior Richard Mudd (2.5/2.5). This year's freshman recruiting haul also turned up 6-8 Barry Fordham, but the Spartan newcomer who elicits the most excitement is 6-8 junior power forward Ken Johnson, a transfer via Southern Cal who becomes eligible in early December. Two years ago as a frosh regular with the Trojans, Johnson averaged 10 points and nine rebounds.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is indeed the strongest MSU cage team in awhile, led by the superior guard tandem of Vincent and Skiles, seven-foot pivot man Willis and, when he becomes eligible, USC transfer Johnson. After finishing in a sixth place league tie a year ago, the Spartans just might ride all the way to the top of the Big 10 in 1983-84.

Ohio State (20-10)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

There's a gaping hole in the middle of OSU's front line left by the graduation of three-year pivot regular Granville Waiters, a second-round pick of the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers. Otherwise, though, Coach Eldon Miller welcomes back most of the key players from last year's NCAA Tourney team, led by consensus All-Big Ten choice Tony Campbell at forward.

The 6-7 senior Campbell led the 1982-83 Buckeyes in both scoring (18.9) and rebounding (8.3) while logging the second best field goal shooting percentage to the departed Waiters. Lining up once more at the opposite forward is 6-8 junior Joe Concheck (6.8/3.1), a great outside shooter for his size who was playing some of the best basketball of his college career at the end of last season. Vets intent on spearheading the final starting front line berth include the soph duo of 6-8 Keith Wesson (1.9/1.4) and 6-9 Alan Kortokrax (0.1/1.2), but two new arrivals, both freshmen, who could foil those plans are 6-5 Dennis Hopson, a first-team All Ohio Class AAA pick and runnerup for "player of the year" honors, along with Chicago native 6-7 Clarence McGee. "Hopson is being projected as either a small forward or a second guard," comments Coach Miller.

Setting the back court tempo for the Buckeyes is 5-11 junior Troy Taylor (12.7), last year's runnerup scorer, while fellow 5-11 junior Ron Stokes (9.1) is also blessed with plenty of experience. Stokes with 101 and Taylor with 87 were last year's 1-2 assists men. One other guard vet of note is 6-2 junior David Jones (3.9) while the last of this year's OSU frosh recruits is 6-1 Curtis Wilson, chosen by Associated Press as Ohio's Class AA prep "player of the year."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Twenty victory seasons and tourney invites are becoming commonplace in Columbus, and we don't see that trend being interrupted in 1983-84. With Campbell keying the inside game and the Taylor, Stokes tandem orchestrating things on the back line, this year's OSU cagers are headed for another banner won-lost mark, first division Big 10 finish and what should be a return to post-season action.

Purdue (21-9)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Off and running will go this year's Boilermakers, as Coach Gene Keady's club tries to offset the loss of dominating center Russell Cross by going to a more up tempo game. It should work, too, since the Riveters boast what is arguably the Big Ten's deepest guard contingents, led by point man Ricky Hall and super-sub Steve Reid.

Hall, a 6-1 senior, scored at a modest 6.2 rate last season but dished off a team high 139 assists, while 5-9 junior Reid finished runnerup in feeds with 109 and was the second highest scorer (12.0) after the departed Cross. Other guard vets of proven quality are 6-5 senior Curt Clawson (7.0), a starter 26 times last season, and the letter-winning soph threesome of 6-1 Mark Gadis, 6-5 Herb Robinson and 6-3 Craig Perry. This year's lone new back line recruit is 6-4 freshman Mark McClen-don.

No one, of course, will easily fill Cross' 17.7 ppg and 7.4 rpg shoes in the front line, but the Riveters do return three players in this area with starting experience in 6-6 junior Jim Bullock (7.3/5.6), 6-7 senior Greg Eifert (4.1/2.4) and 6-8 senior Jim Rowinski (3.2/2.4), while burly 7-0, 242-pound junior Joe Gampfer (1.5/1.7) is a two-time letter winner. Immediate inside help is also expected from 6-8 JUCO transfer Mark Atkinson, who will be the only true forward on the squad outside of Bullock and Eifert and will therefore be looked to right away for assistance at that position.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Boilermakers have of late been one of college basketball's most consistently successful teams, and while the premature departure of Cross may hurt, this year's will be another solid Purdue cage squad. The prospects of another 20-win, first division Big Ten finish are very good for the 1983-84 Boilermakers.

Minnesota (18-11)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

What do you do when you lose a 7-3 All-Big Ten center Randy Breuer, a first-round choice of the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks. You do exactly what Golden Gopher cage mentor Jim Dutcher did, recruit not one, but two towering seven-foot freshmen in Paul VanDenEinde and Mike Carpenter. That's what you do!

At first, VanDenEinde and Carpenter figure to serve as backups for UM's heir apparent at center, 6-11 soph letterman John Shasky (2.2/1.7), who showed great promise while filling in for Breuer last season. Rock solid at the two forward spots again is the senior duo of 6-7 Roland Brooks (8.9/4.4) and 6-10 Jim Petersen (6.3/5.3), while offering experienced backup support in the corner is 6-5 soph Dave Dahlke (1.7/1.9). In addition to twin seven-foot towers VanDenEinde and Carpenter, this year's frosh class also contains 6-7 forward prospect Kevin Smith. Smith and VanDenEinde are both Minnesota prep prospects while Carpenter hails from Knoxville, TE.

On the back line, the Gophers return one of the Big Ten's premier young guard duos in 6-4 junior Tommy Davis (12.8) and 6-1 soph Marc Wilson (10.5/10.8 assists). Davis, UM's designated long-range shooter, banged in 26 of 66 from three-point field goal range a year ago. Off the bench in the way of battle-tested players, there's 6-2 soph Alonzo Skanes (2.7), 6-1 senior Bruce Kaupa (2.0) and 6-2 junior Barry Wohler (0.9). Coach Dutcher and his staff traveled to Virginia to land their final frosh prospect, 6-4 guard/forward Gerald Jackson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Gophers have run up a lofty 149-78 record in their first eight years under the Dutcher administration and year nine should witness more of the same. Although Breuer's loss will hurt, this is again a UM cage contingent capable of putting together another fine won-lost mark while again bidding for a first division Big Ten niche in 1983-84.

Northwestern (17-13)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

As **GAMEPLAN** predicted in this space a year ago, last season's was a greatly improved Wildcat cage team, and Coach Rick Falk's 1982-83 contingent sure did validate the accuracy of our crystal ball. Seventeen victories, most in NU's

roundball history, and a first round NIT win over Notre Dame (65-63) were the highlights of last season for the 'Cats, but an encore performance this year will be very difficult with graduation having claimed three of last year's top five scorers.

Tops among the holdover scorers is 6-7 senior guard Art Aaron (14.5), while the most experienced of the other back line returnees are 6-4 senior Marty Clary, 6-0 junior Clarence Richardson and 5-11 soph Roy Dixon. Three newly minted guard prospects, all freshmen, are 6-2 Shawn Watts, 6-6 Chris Berg and 6-2 Elliot Fullen. Coach Falk calls Watts "one of the premier point guards in the nation."

The probable key to continued strong play in the front line, where graduation got three-year regulars Jim Stack and Gadis Rathel, is good health this season for a trio of 1982-83 injured redshirts, 6-10 junior center Dan Ivankovich, 6-6 soph forward Morel Branch and 7-0 senior Colin Murray. Rounding out the veteran inside cast are 6-10 junior power forward Andre Goode (9.8/6.7), 6-7 senior Paul Schultz (2.7/2.1) and 7-0 soph Brian Pitts (1.3/1.2). The personnel is on hand for Coach Falk to build another solid front line, but finding the right chemistry may take some doing.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year was one of the most enjoyable for Wildcat fans in the school's hardwood history, but this season could be a less pleasant experience. The 'Cats should be respectable again but appear to be in danger of slipping back below .500 this season unless the returning redshirts have a large impact in the front line.

Wisconsin (8-20)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

The Badgers lost only two important players (Greg Danbridge graduated and Brad Sellers transferred to Ohio State), so things should be looking up somewhat in Madison. Add four promising freshmen to what's left over and it appears second-year Coach Steve Yoder's forces will be much tougher than last season's 8-20 pushovers.

Keying the veteran front line cast is 6-6 junior forward Cory Blackwell (18.3/7.4), tops in scoring and second to the departed Sellers in rebounding. Other holdovers in this area who started 1982-83 games are 6-6 soph Jim Smith (4.9/2.2), 6-8 soph Gregg Steinhaus (2.2/1.8), 6-8 soph Jay Laszewski (1.9/1.0) and 6-9 junior John Ploss (1.3/1.3), while 6-7 junior Jack Hippen (0.8/0.6) returns with letter-winning experience. A trio of freshmen arrivals on the inside are 6-10 Scott Plondke, 6-7 Rod Ripley and 6-7 J. J. Weber, all of whom earned Wisconsin all-state honors their final prep years. Plondke will be the tallest of the Badgers and should see immediate time in the pivot.

Although young, the standout in UW's back court is sleek 6-1 soph point guard Rick Olson (11.0/83 assists), who started every game his freshman season and made the Big Ten's all-rookie team. Two more guard returnees with starting savvy are 6-7 junior swing man Scott Roth (5.8) and 6-4 soph David Miller (4.6), while the last of this year's frosh signees is 6-3 freshman Mike Heineman, who led Indiana's Connorsville HS to a state championship last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Badgers look headed for another tough year under sophomore mentor Steve Yoder, who'll build his team's front line around Blackwell and let Olson take charge in the back court. After those two, however, there's a sharp decline in available, proven talent so it appears almost certain the Badgers are headed for the Big Ten's second division again in 1983-84.

Midwestern City Conference

Xavier (0.) (22-8)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

By dint of an 82-76 championship game victory over Loyola in the MCC post-season tournament, last year's Musketeers made what was only the school's second ever appearance in the NCAA Tourney. Is their a third trip to the NAAs awaiting the 1983-84 Xavier basketballers? Well, there could be since to a

veteran cast that already numbered four holdover regulars, Musketeer Coach Bob Staak and his staff has added yet another bountiful recruiting haul.

The one missing starter, unfortunately, is career school scoring champ Anthony Hicks, but a fixture still at the other guard spot is 6-6 senior Victor Fleming (10.7). With his size, when Fleming gets posted up inside against a smaller guard, it's all over but the shouting! Slated to man the vacant back court spot after swinging between guard and forward in the past is 6-5 senior John Shimko (3.5), while other vets returning to this area are 6-1 junior Steve Drew (who appeared in only last year's first 10 games) and 6-3 soph Ralph Lee (3.1). A frosh guard prospect is 6-4 LeRoy Greenidge, a product of the Brooklyn, NY prep hotbed.

Inside, the Musketeers welcome back a somewhat smallish but effective enough starting threesome of 6-4 senior Dexter Bailey (11.1/6.7), 6-6 soph Richard Harris (2.7/1.6) and 6-8 junior Eddie Johnson (6.8/4.5). Add in 6-8 senior Jeff Jenkins (10.6/4.2), the MCC's premier sixth man, and this area shapes up well, so just icing on the cake is the arrival of two California-bred frosh prospects, 6-9 Jim Douglas and 6-6 Ray Epton, both of whom earned All-CIF honors their final schoolboy years.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's was Xavier's best hardwood showing in ages, and more of the same seems in store for Bob Staak's 1983-84 club. Granted, the loss of Hicks will hurt a bit, but when you take a look at what-all the Musketeers return -- not to mention three talented newcomers -- it's impossible not to anticipate an MCC title run by this year's Xavier roundballers.

Evansville (13-16)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Last year's Aces were the odds-on favorite to win the MCC title, but things were never the same for Coach Dick Walters' club after star forward/guard Richie "Magic" Johnson went down with a knee injury just three games into the 1982-83 campaign. With Johnson now fully mended and four other starters returning from a year ago, this season should see the Aces come up with more winning hands in and out of the MCC.

Johnson, a 6-9 junior, tossed in 12.2 points and cleared an average of 6.3 boards two years ago and he's a cinch to nail down one starting forward spot now that he's regained full health. Veterans battling for the spot opposite Johnson will be 6-6 senior Rick McKinstry (9.1/8.1), last year's top rebounder, and the soph duo of 6-8 Paul Schaefer (6.3/5.1) and 6-7 Bubby Mukes (3.0/2.0). A fixture at the pivot spot once more is 6-10 senior Bobby Wallace (9.5/5.9), while three new front line recruits are 6-7 JUCO transfer Joe McAdoo and a pair of freshmen, 6-7 Craig Wesemeyer and 6-5 Todd Scott, who fired in 32 ppg his final prep year.

Keying Evansville's back court brigade is 6-3 soph John Worth (12.2), the team's leading scorer and the MCC's "rookie of the year" in 1983-84. With point guard regular Jeff Embrey having transferred to another school, those out to land his old job are 6-2 senior Harold Howard (8.0), 6-3 soph Mike Massing (2.7) and 6-1 JUCO product Tyrone Scott, who played his prep ball at Washington's legendary Dunbar HS.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With Richie "Magic" Johnson back and 100 percent again, plus Wallace, Schaefer and Mukes up front and young standout Worth heading the guard contingent, the 1983-84 Aces should at the very least push their won-lost record back above .500 while fighting their way back into the MCC's first division. At best, Evansville just might up and walk off with this year's league title.

Oral Roberts (14-14)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

The name Acres is becoming almost as well known around Oral Roberts University as the school's famous founder and his devoted family. Daddy Dick Acres is the latest with that surname to arrive in ORU country as the new Titan cage mentor, and two of his prized players will be none other than his eldest sons, Jeff and Mark Acres. So, they'll be -- har, har! -- acres of Acres around Tulsa this season!

Mark Acres, a 6-11 junior power forward/center, is ORU's main attraction as he goes for All-America honors this year

after ringing up 1982-83 stats of 18.8 points, 9.6 rebs and a glowing 55.2 percent field goal accuracy rate. Older brother 6-8 Jeff, who also has junior eligibility, is himself a super talent who fell victim to injury and was sidelined for the season after just four games in 1982-83. The previous campaign, Jeff had averaged 13.1 points and a team high 8.0 boards, and now that he's 100 percent again he'll be invaluable swinging between forward and guard since he has the size to play the former position and the agility to handle the latter, too. Graduation cost ORU's inside game Reggie Clement, runnerup scorer and rebounder, plus Ben Perry, so the Titans will need -- nay, make that they **have** to have -- immediate input in this area from the incoming frosh duo of 6-6 Brian Miles, one of Indiana's prized prep prospects, and 6-5 Kip Brown, or California-Berkley transfer 6-6 Sam Potter.

Although ace playmaker Mark Gottfried, who transferred to Alabama, is missing in the Titan back court, this area does return two vets who saw 1982-83 starting action in 6-4 Kevin McGee (6.6), the only senior on this awfully young squad, and 6-1 Dwight Givens (5.7). Being fitted out for Gottfried's point man outfit is slick 5-10 JUCO transfer Butch Berry, while under the incoming frosh guard heading are 6-3 Johnny Wilson, sparkplug for the John Marshall HS team (Oklahoma City) that captured the state's class 5A championship, along with 6-2 Mark Wilson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite their acres of Acres, the 1983-84 Titans are a youth-heavy gang that simply cannot afford to be so against what shapes up as a brutal schedule. Lucky indeed will this year's ORU cagers be if they keep from dipping below .500.



Alfredrick "The Great" Hughes (left) is on his way to becoming the all-time career scoring leader at Loyola (Chi.).

Loyola (Chi.) (19-10)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

The Ramblers have turned out more than their share of outstanding cagers over the years, but perhaps none carried such a fancy monicker as current Loyola superstar Alfredrick "The Great" Hughes, a sturdy 6-5 junior forward who riddled the nets for a 25.7 average (7th nationally) his soph season. With a total of 1,226 career points already and two years of eligibility yet remaining, "The Great" seems a lead pipe cinch to surpass current Rambler career scoring leader Jerry

Harkness (1,749).

Once more teaming with Hughes in a smallish but all-veteran starting front line are 6-5 senior Gerry Mundt (7.7/4.5) and 6-8 senior Tim Nolan (3.0/4.4), while the tallest of the inside holdovers (although neither has much experience) is the senior duo of 6-10 Mike Watkins and 6-9 Ross Monks. This year's Loyola recruiting net scooped up 6-5 JUCO transfer Phil Crawford and the frosh duo of 6-7 Stephond Robinson and 6-5 Bob Clark.

Out front, Coach Gene Sullivan has back a trio of players who started 1982-83 games in 6-3 junior Andre Battle (11.8), second to Hughes in scoring, 6-3 junior point man Greg Williams (7.7/89 assists) and 6-2 senior Dan Burich (2.7). Also returning after going down with an injury just three games into last season is 6-5 soph Mike Cenar, while the two reputed gems of this year's Rambling recruits are said to be 5-9 soph rocket Carl Golston, a U. of Wisconsin transfer, and 6-3 incoming freshman Len Bertolini, selected by the Chicago Sun-Times as the Windy City's "player of the year" his final year at St. Patrick HS. Two years ago as a regular with the Wisconsin Badgers, the blur-quick Golston averaged 9.0 points and dealt 93 assists.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The 19-10 Ramblers went overlooked when post-season tourney invites were handed out last season, but they'll be much harder to ignore in 1983-84. Paced by A-A candidate Hughes up front and with transfer Golston expected to cement the Rambler back court, there's a strong possibility this year's Loyola cagers will win 20 or more and seriously challenge for MCC title honors.

Detroit (12-17)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

"On The Rise" is the Titan slogan heading into the 1983-84 campaign, Coach Don Sicko's second at the UD cage helm. But this club could more resemble the floundering Titanic unless replacements can be found for last year's number 2-3-4 scorers, forwards Clarence McNatt and Albert Blakey and guard Roy Simms.

Bulwarking what remains of the Titans' veteran front line is 6-7 senior Doug Chappell (17.6/8.1), an All-MCC pick last season looking for All-America this year, while other experienced holdovers inside are Doug's younger brother, 6-8 junior Steve Chappell (2.6/1.2), 6-6 soph Bob McGinnis (1.6/0.9) and 6-8 soph Louis Rainge (1.7/1.5). Of the newcomers to this area, the ones drawing the highest praise are 6-10 freshman Eric Jackson, who should solve UD's pivot "short" comings, along with a transfer via the University of Michigan, 6-8 soph Willis "Stretch" Carter.

On the outside, the Titans return three experienced guards in 6-0 soph Kevin McAdoo (5.9), a starter and No. 2 assists man (95) his frosh season, along with 6-2 seniors Mark Moore (3.4) and Earl Sims (2.3). Most heralded of the new backliners are 6-2 JUCO transfer Keith Gray, who has virtual outa-the-gym jumping ability, and rangy 6-6 freshman Bryan Doss, a smooth ball-handler and passer for his size.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Titans showed improvement in all regards their first year under the Sicko administration, but graduation took a good sized bite out of what was to begin with not an overly deep team. If newcomers like Jackson, Carter, Gray and Doss come through as expected, the 1983-84 UD cagers will be respectable again, but this club still looks at least a year or two away from MCC first division contention.

St. Louis (5-23)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Coming off the worst showing in the school's hardwood history, second-year Billiken skipper Rich Grawer has to be glad the horrid initial experience is over. Better but still awfully young is the capsule on this year's team, which has only five veteran holdovers (just two seniors) and a total of seven newcomers.

Last year's Billikens were able to uncover a rising young star in 6-1 junior guard Luther Burden (15.5), the school's first ever all-MCC selection, while 6-1 soph Kevin Williams (5.5) is also back after starting 22 games his frosh season. Ready to help out in this area after redshirting last year following his transfer

from the U. of Georgia is 5-7 soph Daryl "Pee Wee" Lenard while just arrived are two big guard frosh recruits, 6-6 Tim Stock and 6-5 Paul Jansen.

Up front, the Billikens return only three players of consequence in seniors 6-4 Darryl Anderson (10.7/6.8), 6-10 Andre Craig (10.6/7.0) and 6-7 soph Jamie Thomas (1.9/1.6). Newcomers to this area include a pair of JUCO transfers, 6-8 Abdur Rahlm Al Mattiin and 6-6 Carvin Norman, along with 6-7 freshman Dale Renken.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Billikens show definite signs of improvement over last season, but again Coach Grawer will have to adapt the old to the handful of new recruits on board. Look for a better won-lost mark from St. Louis this season, but don't expect they'll escape the MCC's second division.

Oklahoma City (4-22)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Avg.

Last year was the utter pits for the Chiefs, whose 22 losses were among the most one-season defeats in school history. But cheer up, OCU cage fans, for returning to his alma mater to assume control of cage fortunes is Abe Lemons, who first put the Chiefs on the national basketball map while serving as OCU skipper from 1956-1973.

The colorful Lemons inherits four regulars including the entire front line and 1-2-3 scorers 6-7 senior Jones Richmond (10.3/6.1), 6-9 senior Brannon Craig (9.1/5.4) and 6-6 senior Ronnie Faggins (9.1/4.2). Depth in this area, however, will be all new with those leading the incoming contingent being 6-6 JUCO transfer Wesley Jones and 6-6 freshman Todd Parker. 6-6 senior Dan Davis also returns after an injured redshirt year.

Foremost of the veteran guards are 6-1 senior point man David Ward (5.7/81 assists) and 6-4 soph Les Crockett (4.1), while 6-2 senior George Clayton is also back after redshirting last season. Coach Lemons' latest recruiting haul also produced 6-4 JUCO transfers Thomas Ryer and Dajuan Walker along with the frosh duo of 6-4 Marvin Owens and 6-2 Kelly Benton. While depth may turn out to be adequate in the front line, there's some uncertainty about the same occurring in OCU's back court.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Once a consistently successful major college roundball program, the Chiefs have fallen on lean times of late. The return of witty Abe Lemons is sure to enhance OCU's image and down the road, the Chiefs could return to respectability. The best we see for this team in 1983-84, however, is a double-figure victory total -- and that will take some doing.

Butler (15-13)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Avg.

Generally picked to finish no better than seventh or eighth in the MCC, last year's Bulldogs surprised with a solid fourth place league finish and the school's first winning hardwood record since 1977-78. But graduation has taken Butler career scoring champion Lynn Mitchem and five other players who supplied 66 percent of last year's scoring and 59 percent of the rebounding.

Leading the holdover front line cast is 6-5 senior Tim McRoberts (13.1/5.1), but the only other holdover inside with much experience is 6-8 junior Tim Haseley (3.4/2.4), so Coach Joe Sexson is counting on immediate help from the incoming trio of 6-6 freshman Chad Tucker, an Indiana prep all-stater who averaged 24.5 points and 10.0 boards his final prep year, 6-8 fellow frosh signee Mike Harper and 6-7 JUCO transfer Greg Mackey.

Deeper in experience are the 'Dogs in the back court, where returnees with at least letter-winning exposure are 6-3 junior Larry Ikerd (3.8), 6-3 senior Danny Jarrett (1.7), 6-3 senior Chris Rodgers (1.2), 6-3 junior Dave Gilbreth (1.6) and 6-2 soph Mark Beam (1.2). Ikerd, Jarrett and Beam all started games last season. In the way of new guard recruits, Butler inked 6-1 JUCO product Mike Burt and the frosh duo of 5-9 Darrin Fitzgerald and 6-4 Mark Morin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Bulldogs rose somewhat unexpectedly to a plus-.500 finish a year ago, but o-oohhh boy, has graduation done a number on this team! Back to the MCC's second division, and back to the ranks of the losing, is where the 1983-84 'Dogs are headed.

Others

Marquette (19-10)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Jokingly, Rick Majerus (who assumes Marquette's head coaching reigns after 11 years as an assistant and having graduated from the school in 1970) says: "I've been associated with the Jesuits for nearly 20 years. I feel I'm one step short of being ordained." Majerus may be, too, since while two starters are missing off last year's NCAA Tournament team, the Warriors should be able to extend their enviable streak to 18 straight post-season tourney bids.

Up front, the Warriors welcome back both forward regulars in 6-6 junior Dwayne "DJ" Johnson (12.3/5.7) and 6-6 senior Marc Marotta (9.5/6.0). Other inside returnees of note are 6-5 junior swing man Terry Reason (7.4/2.7) along with the soph threesome of 6-6 Kerry Trotter (4.9/2.7), 6-8 Vic Lazzaretti (2.6/3.5) and mountainous 6-9, 275-pound Lloyd Moore (1.3/1.4). Newcomers to this area, both freshmen, are 6-10 Tom Copa, who could be the long-sought solution to Marquette's need for a dominant pivot man, and 6-7 Herbert Harrison.

With All-American Glenn "Doc" Rivers having bypassed his final year to go NBA hardship, point guard duties will fall into the capable hands of 6-0 junior Mandy Johnson (8.1), a starter in all but two games his soph season. Swing man Reason may inherit the other back court spot, or it might go to 6-5 senior Don Smolinski (1.6). Then again, the second spot on the back line could be filled by one of two newcomers, 6-0 JUCO transfer Robert Hall or 6-3 freshman Richard McCormick.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The coaches change, and so do the players, but the beat goes on at Marquette. Simply put, look for Rick Majerus' first edition of Warriors to log another spiffy regular season record on their way to the school's 19th consecutive post-season tourney appearance.

Notre Dame (19-10)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Never one reluctant to fly in the face of tradition, Fighting Irish cage skipper Digger Phelps will pin his hopes for another strong 1983-84 contingent on five sophomores and three incoming freshmen. Youth, then, will be the thing one first notices about this year's Irishmen, but what youth it is!

First off, there's the soph center/forward duo of brawny 6-9, 245-pound Tim Kempton (10.6/5.9), last year's No. 3 scorer and top rebounder, and 6-10 Ken Barlow (6.6/4.1). A comer, too, is 6-8 soph forward Jim Dolan (6.3/4.7), while two other vets back in this area are 6-8 senior Cecil Rucker (1.3/0.7) and 6-7 junior Barry Spencer, who sat out last season to get his academics up after starting 20 games (5.8 point, 4.5 rebound averages) two years ago. Coach Phelps' latest recruiting effort turned up a pair of frosh front line prospects in 6-7 Donald Royal from New Orleans, who led St. Augustine HS to a 35-0 record and the Louisiana state title; and 6-8 John Bowen, a two-time Pennsylvania all-state selection.

All-American and first round NBA draftee John Paxson has been lost in the Fighting Irish back court, but a quartet of holdovers in this area who started games in 1982-83 are 6-4 senior Tom Sluby (5.0), 6-5 soph Joe Price (3.9), 6-0 junior Dan Duff (1.3) and 6-2 soph Joe Buchanan (1.0). Coming on board is 6-3 Scott Hicks from Cathedral HS in Indianapolis, an Indiana all-state choice the past two years. Duff and Buchanan should be the prime point guard candidates with swing men Sluby and Price plus freshmen Hicks expected to supply the brunt of ND's outside scoring punch.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Though admittedly young -- and we do mean young -- this year's Fighting Irish have winning prospects again, led by some of the finest sophomore talent in the nation. Diggers Phelps hit a recruiting bonanza last year, added another good crop this time around, and has another solid, respectable cage team capable of coming close to matching last year's won-lost log while bidding again for a post-season tourney invite.



Junior forward Tyrone Corbin (23) will be the main man up front as the DePaul Blue Demons try to make Coach Ray Meyer's final season a winning one.

DePaul (21-12)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

This is the swan song campaign for DePaul cage skipper Ray Meyer, who this season will be leading into action his 42nd edition of Blue Demon roundballers. Meyer feels his final team will be a good one, too, provided as the venerable skipper himself puts it, "we've got to learn how to play consistently for 40 minutes."

Setting both the offensive and defensive pace for the Demons is 6-2 junior point guard Kenny Patterson (10.3/187 assists/77 steals), the only DePaul player to start every game last season. Two other back line holdovers with starting savvy are 6-5 soph Tony Jackson (8.2) and 6-4 senior Jerry McMillan (6.7), while 6-1 senior Raymond McCoy (0.6) is a veteran role player.

Up front, DePaul's mainstay is 6-6 junior forward Tyrone Corbin (10.6/7.9), last year's top rebounder and second highest scorer. Graduation claimed top scorer Bernard Randolph at forward while center Walter Downing has left school, but a pair of inside returnees who started games last season are 6-8 sophs Kevin Holmes (4.1/3.7) and Marty Embry (3.1/3.1). Just arriving in this area is the frosh duo of 6-9 Dallas Comegys, a consensus prep All-American from Philadelphia's Roman Catholic HS, and 6-7 Lawrence West.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Wouldn't it be marvelous if the Blue Demons could reward veteran skipper Ray Meyer with a national title on this, his final year at DePaul's hardwood helm? Well, don't count on it happening! True, this will be another solid, always competitive ball club Meyer will lead into the 1983-84 campaign, and 20-plus wins should again go up on

DePaul's side of the board. A post-season tourney invite should also be coming the Demons way, but a national title for outgoing skipper Ray Meyer? That's a bit much to expect.

Dayton (18-10)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Through the years, the Flyers have turned out such outstanding scorers as Don May, Henry Finkel, Jim Paxson and Don Meineke, but a good bet to outstrip them all in the pointmaking department is 6-4 senior wing man Roosevelt "Velvet" Chapman. Chapman, who filled the hole to the tune of 23.0 ppg last season, enters 1983-84 needing just 434 more points to pass May as Dayton's all-time career scorer. Additionally, the high-jumping Chapman paced last year's Flyer rebounders with 9.6 per outing.

Third on the 1982-83 board pounding chart was 6-7 soph Ed Young (9.6/5.1), while other tallish holdovers on the front line with starting backgrounds are 6-9 soph Jeff Zern (2.5/1.4) and 6-6 soph Damon Goodwin (2.5/1.0). Adding even more inside size are 6-8 sophs Rory Dahlinghaus and Jim Shields, with the plum of this year's recruiting harvest being 6-9 freshman Don Hughes, who was coveted by such major college powers as Ohio State and Virginia.

Carrying the brunt of the back court burden will be A-A swingman Chapman, 6-3 junior Larry Schellenberg (4.3/103 assists), 6-3 senior Paul Hawkins (2.3) and 6-1 Ted Harris (1.2), with Harris the heir apparent to Kevin Conrad's point guard role. A trio of new back line recruits are 6-2 JUCO transfer Sedric Toney and the frosh duo of 6-1 Dan Christie and 6-5 swingman Anthony Grant, a Florida prep all-stater from Miami's Senior HS chosen the city's "Player of the Year" by the Miami News.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by "Velvet" Chapman, this year's Flyers figure to rank among the best of the nation's handful of major college independent basketball schools. Twenty wins is probably too much to ask of Dayton's 1983-84 roundballers, but at least a duplication of last year's 18 wins and a return to post-season tournament action are strong possibilities.

Mid-American

Toledo (17-12)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Rockets should know what they're all about by the time this year's MAC season rolls around since, in pre-league contests, Toledo must take on Michigan, Arizona State, Dayton and Detroit while making an appearance in the Blade-Glass City Classic. But with all that Coach Bob Nichols has on hand, come MAC time the Rockets should be strong title challengers.

UT's main honors candidate is 6-6 junior Ken Epperson (18.1/8.1), the league's only player to finish among the top six in scoring, rebounding, field goal and free throw shooting percentage last season. Heir apparent to the graduated Mitch Adamek's pivot spot is 6-10 junior Barry Sonnenberg (5.3/3.3), while rounding out the experienced inside cast are 6-8 junior Jim Lange, 6-5 junior Leon McDougale and 6-6 senior Reeves Northrup. The new arrivals are headed by 6-5 junior M.C. Burton, a transfer from Michigan where he started as a freshman, along with the incoming frosh threesome of 6-8 Blake Burnham, 6-8 Mark German and 6-7 Dan Leighton.

Deep will be a Rocket back court once more headlined by 6-1 senior point guard Tim Reiser (10.4/186 assists), 6-3 senior John Green (12.7) and 6-2 junior Jay Gast (9.7). Two new guard additions are 6-0 soph Scott Perry, a transfer from Oregon, and 6-2 incoming freshman Gary Campbell.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This certainly shapes up as a MAC title contender Bob Nichols has in Toledo this year, with all-star candidate Epperson keying the front line plus a strong veteran guard contingent on hand. The Rockets may drop a few early on because of their rugged non-league slate, but

when the smoke has cleared at the end of this year's MAC race, Toledo should be at or very near the top.

Bowling Green (21-9)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Who else! Who else would you think this year's pre-season MAC title favorite would be? Right, these very BGSU Falcons, who return most everyone from a 1982-83 contingent that won the league title by a full three games. Who else, indeed!

On the front line, Coach John Weinert has back for starting duties the solid senior threesome of 6-5 David Jenkins (18.7/6.1), 6-6 Colin Irish (14.9/6.8) and 6-7 Bill Faine (12.7/7.2), last year's 1-2-3 scorers. One of them, however, could be pushed aside by 6-10 transfer Freddie Bryant, a two-year letterman at the U. of Colorado who should solve the Falcons' quest for a dominant big man in the middle. Three other newcomers to this area, all freshmen, are 6-11 Scott Russell and the 6-7 duo of Mike Maleske and Bob Nass.

Foremost of the guard holdovers are 6-2 junior Keith Taylor (10.3) and 6-4 soph Ken Waddell (2.1), but a replacement must be found for superb three-year point guard stalwart David Greer, all-time school and MAC career assists champ with 786. The only frosh recruit to the back line, 6-2 Frank Booker, is most noted for his shooting prowess, so look for Taylor to shoulder the brunt of the playmaking burden this season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Repeating as league champion is often tougher than getting there to begin with, and we're sure that's the message Coach Weinert is stressing to his Falcon players as the 1983-84 campaign approaches. **GAMEPLAN** also thinks the BGSU cagers will heed their skipper's advice well enough to annex a second straight MAC title this season.

Ohio U. (23-9)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Well, at least they couldn't have picked a better time. That is Coach Danny Nee's Bobcats, who return four starters including All-American frontliner John Devereaux from last year's NCAA Tourney team, might not have ever picked a better time to tackle a schedule that in 1983-84 sees his snarling 'Cats facing DePaul, Pennsylvania, Duke, Niagara and Ohio State as five of their first six opponents.

The 6-9 Devereaux (14.2/9.8/99 blocked shots), a senior who is as much center as forward, bulwarks a 'Cats inside crew also returning the other two-thirds of the starting cast, 6-7 junior Vic Alexander (11.1/5.5), second to Devereaux in both scoring and board sweeping, and 6-5 junior small forward Eddie Hicks (5.9/2.7). Senior backups in this area are 6-7 Nate Cole (5.4, 2.7) and 6-9 Sean Carlson (1.8/2.2). Bringing more size to Ohio U's inside game is the frosh duo of 6-9 John Rhodes and 6-7 Steve Bruning. Coach Nee is counting on Bruning to supply the consistent outside scoring threat the Bobcats lacked last season.

On the back line, although point man Jeff Thomas is gone, returnees who all saw more than their share of 1982-83 action are 6-0 soph Robert Tatum (4.7), 6-3 junior Rick Scarberry (3.0) and 6-3 soph Paul Barger (1.9), while also available is 6-0 soph Mike Paxson (1.2), younger brother of college and NBA stand-outs Jim and John Paxson. Joining the back court brigade bearing Wisconsin prep all-state credits is 5-11 ballhandling ace Roger Smith, who could take over immediately at the vacant point spot.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Remember you heard it first right here when it happens! When the 1983-84 Bobcats go out and give the DePauls, Penns, Dukes and etc. all they can handle and then some! In the context of this year's MAC race, what else could you possibly expect -- of course Ohio U. will be at or very near the head of the pack again.

Northern Illinois (13-14)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Over the past two years, graduation has cost the Huskies back-to-back outstanding centers in Allen Rayhorn and Ron Lindfors, and while there's no such thing as a pure pivot man listed on this year's NIU cage roster, the player being hailed as

the new Husky "center of attention" is 6-8 senior power forward Tim Dillon (18.9/7.5).

"He's the strength of our ball club," Coach John McDougal says of forward star Dillon, who'll get combat-tested front line help from 6-7 soph Bob Thomas (5.4/4.3), a starter his frosh year, along with 6-6 soph letterman Stan Adams (1.3/0.9). Fresh inside talent was uppermost on skipper McDougal's mind during his off-season recruiting hunt, which first turned up 6-5 JUCO product David May and 6-7 Loyola-Marymount transfer Eric Moyer, who won't be eligible until the 1984 spring semester. Added via the prep ranks were 6-5 Dennis Douglas and the 6-7 tandem of Eric Harrington and Bob Russ. The most heralded of those new Husky frontliners is frosh blue-chipper Douglas, a rugged 240-pound All-Indiana prepster who finished fourth last year in the balloting for that state's "Mr. Basketball" award.

On the back line, NIU welcomes back both regulars in 6-2 senior lead guard Carl Armato (8.1/11.5 assists) and 6-4 junior Brad Waller (11.2). Lettermen providing reserve savvy are 6-2 senior Billy Ray Robinson and the 6-2 soph pair of Adrian Maxwell and Joe Fisher, while this year's final frosh recruit is 6-1 guard Jerry Williams.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite their lack of a true center, the 1983-84 Huskies have an adequate amount of veteran personnel and a fine incoming class of recruits to improve both last year's won-lost mark and MAC standing. A very tough testing ground awaits this year's NIU cagers, however, since before even getting into league play the Huskies must tackle the likes of DePaul, Marquette, Wisconsin and Northwestern while making an appearance in the James Madison Invitational. Still, when MAC action starts, look for NIU to be a factor in the league title chase.

Miami, (O.) (13-15)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Phew! That was our first reaction upon looking at a Redskin schedule that opens this season on the road against Indiana, followed by Purdue, Dayton, Xavier (O.), Cincinnati, an appearance in the Milwaukee Classic and Dayton again. And

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mind you, that's even before Coach Darrell Hedric's 'Skins get into MAC action!

Returning from a 1982-83 club that tied for third in the league are three regulars, among them 6-7 soph forward Ron Harper (12.8/7.0) and 6-10 senior center John Marx (9.3/4.5). Other battle-decorated returnees inside is the 6-7 senior duo of Chuck Dahn (3.5/2.4) and Tony Lehman (1.7/0.8), while new to the front line is the frosh pair of 6-9 Rusty Doyle and 6-5 Mike Hall.

Guard-wise, the 'Skins welcome back in the way of vets the senior threesome of 6-2 Billy Lewis (6.6), 6-4 Chuck Stahl (4.6) and 6-1 John Willoughby (4.1), with the best of this year's frosh recruiting harvest being 5-9 Eric Newsome. His final year at Toledo's Rogers HS, the diminutive but deadly Newsome bucketed 25.2 ppg.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite an overall losing record, last year's Redskins managed to finish in the MAC's first division, and you know what? The same situation could be awaiting Coach Hedric's cagers in 1983-84.



Guard Cordell Eley is Western Michigan's top gun. The junior averaged 18.1 points a contest last season.

Western Michigan (5-23)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Twenty-three times last year's Broncos tasted defeat under rookie mentor Vernon Payne, and this season, things may not be much better off. "It might be more appropriate to call us the 'young colts' instead of the 'Broncos' because we may have more new faces than old ones in the program," comments Payne.

WMU's chief scoring threat is 6-0 junior guard Cordell Eley (18.1), while other back line vets are 6-1 Joel Tucker (4.4), 6-4 senior Tim Waun (4.5) and 6-0 soph Mark Krueger (1.3). New guard recruits, all freshmen, are 6-4 Steve Amundson, 6-2 Randy Bolden, 6-3 Booker James, 6-0 Anthony Stewart and 6-5 swing man Greg Rapp. Amundson and Bolden had respective final year prep scoring averages of 27.3 and 24 ppg.

WMU skipper Payne believes the key to stronger front line play is more consistent performances from both 6-6 junior forward Kelvin Oliver (11.2/4.9) and 6-8 soph center Mark Gorski

(2.5/2.8). "Kelvin needs to become a better inside scorer and rebounder and Mark has to become a force in the middle as far as a strong rebounder and defensive player." Also looking to rebound from a so-so 1982-83 season is 6-8 senior Lary Blahnik (6.4/4.8), while a pair of frosh additions to this area are Jim Manuel and Tom Pullins, both 6-7.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is again a relatively inexperienced Bronco cage team, and worse yet is that before even getting into WAC action, Coach Payne's team must tackle DePaul and Stanford while appearing in Michigan State's Spartan Cutlass Classic. This year's WMU roundballers could be headed for another 20-loss campaign.

Eastern Michigan (12-16)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Avg.**

Transfer students will probably hold the key to this year's Hurons expunging the memory of last season's sub-500 finish. "We have," comments EMU skipper Jim Boyce, "three outstanding players becoming eligible this year in guard Fred Cofield (transfer from Oregon), guard Percy Cooper (former South Alabama player) and forward Joe James (ex-U. of Michigan).

Cofield, a two-year starter at Oregon, should take right over at point guard for the Hurons, with fellow transfer Cooper vying for the other starting back court spot with holdover lettermen 6-2 senior Spencer Gardner (3.6) and 5-11 junior Anthony Miller (2.9). One other new backliner is 6-1 incoming freshman Stan Heath while a second frosh signee, 6-4 Mike McCaskil, will swing between guard and forward. McCaskil was a Class A All-State selection his final year at Michigan's Southfield HS.

Inside, EMU's chief returnees are 6-6 senior Phil Blevins (13.5/5.9) and 6-9 junior Vince Giles (9.4/7.0), last year's 2-3 scorers, while two other vets with starting savvy are 6-6 senior Reggie Brown and 6-7 soph Ricky Buttrom. In addition to Michigan transfer James, who will be a senior eligible, new front line recruits include the frosh threesome of 6-9 Paul Grazulis, 6-5 Ed Davidek and 6-5 Scott Lewis.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With transfers Cofield, Cooper and James eligible, this year's should be a stronger Huron cage squad. In fact, EMU could even make a spirited run for a first division MAC niche in 1983-84.

Ball State (17-12)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Sixty-five percent of the team's scoring and better than 50 percent of its rebounding, that's what the Cardinals lost via the graduation of MAC career scoring champion Ray McCallum and starting forwards Jon Mansbury and David Scott. "I believe," states second-year BSU skipper Al Brown, "we will continue to improve as the season progresses, but the rate of our improvement and the type of team we will be will depend upon how we come together as a unit."

On the back line, holdovers with starting experience are 6-2 junior Larry Jones (3.5), 6-3 soph Chris Shelton (6.2) and 6-4 senior Jeff Furlin (6.0). Newcomers at guard are Indiana U. transfer Rick Rowray, a 6-6 soph swingman, and 5-10 freshman Walter Lewis. Defensive and playmaking should be adequate in BSU's back court, but someone must emerge to fill McCallum's perennial 20 ppg shoes.

Up front, 6-7 senior Marcus Lacey (3.1/2.8) and 6-10 senior Mark Jahns (0.5/0.8) have started games in the past at center, as has 6-5 junior Mike Chesser (3.0/1.9) at forward. Another U. of Indiana transfer, 6-9 Mike LaFave, heads a new crew in this area also numbering two more transfer students, 6-6 John Whittington and 6-4 Ron Peters. LaFave will be a junior eligible, while Whittington and Peters are sophs. But with Mansbury, Scott and their composite averages of 18.2 points and 15.6 boards missing inside, Coach Jones has a lot of caviety filling to do to shape up this area.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cardinals claimed two MAC titles and a pair of third place league finishes during Ray McCallum's banner career, but 1983-84 could witness a much less successful year for BSU's hardwood forces. In fact, this club appears destined for a second division MAC niche this season.

Central Michigan (10-17)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Avg.

Remember how on April Fool's Day when you were a kid how you could always dupe some unsuspecting adult by filling the sugar bowl with salt instead? Boy, 'member how P.O.'d your parents got when their morning cup of coffee tasted like it had been brewed in Utah's Great Salt Lake! Such a bitter taste may CMU cage skipper Dick Parfitt feel, too, when he dips into his Chippewa guard pantry and finds no longer on the shelf all-time MAC scoring champion Melvin "Sugar" McLaughlin. Uggh!

Vets trying to pick up as much back court slack as possible are 6-4 junior Jeff Heide (6.4), 6-2 soph Peter Lambropoulos (3.2) and 6-2 junior James Mitchell (2.8), while 6-4 Anthony Scott, who transferred from the JC ranks last year but red-shirted is now ready to go. Just jumping on CMU's guard bandwagon are 6-2 soph Greg Washington, a former U. of Michigan Wolverine player, 6-3 JUCO product Steve Schmidt and 6-5 frosh swing man James Murray.

The certified, Grade-A gem of this year's CMU recruiting harvest -- and potentially one of the greatest players in school history if he develops as expected -- is 6-6 incoming freshman Dan Majerle. Twice a Michigan Class-A all-state selection, Majerle rammed in a gaudy 37.5 ppg his final year at Traverse City HS. One other yearling frontliner is 6-7 Jeff Bellamy, while already holding over in a veteran-deep Chippewa front line are three players who saw starting 1982-83 roles -- 6-6 junior leaper Derek Boldon (7.6/9.8), 6-7 senior Kim Thompson (7.3/5.6) and 6-7 senior Rob Koch (3.7/5.6). An extra plus inside is the return of 6-8 senior Glenn Cross, a sometimes regular in the past injured and sidelined after just five games last season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite "Sugar" McLaughlin's year-in and year-out individual brilliance, the Chips as a team fared poorly for the most part during that era. So with "Sugar" gone, like we said at the top -- how can this season be sweet for the Chips!

Kent State (15-13)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Avg.

Last year's was the Golden Flashes best hardwood season in 32 years, but with only three lettermen back for the 1983-84 campaign, Coach Jim McDonald must look to newcomers for immediate help. Nowhere is this more the case than in a KSU front line featuring only one truly battle-decorated veteran holdover in 6-6 senior post man Marvin Robinson (6.6/7.4), one of the MAC's premier board pounders.

The only other inside returnee of prominence is 6-7 non-lettering soph Steve Tindall, so it's hardly surprising the KSU coaching staff went on a frosh recruiting binge that turned up five front line prospects in 6-8 Terry Wearsch, 6-7 Ray Kubani, 6-6 Russ Kotolac and the 6-5 duo of Mike McCormick and Jay Peters. Obviously, those newcomers hold the key to continued solid inside play for the Golden Flashes.

In less of a quandary is a KSU back court that returns both guard regulars, 5-10 junior Anthony Grier (10.3), who set a school record with 156 assists last season, and 6-2 junior Larry Robbins (12.2). A pair of non-lettering sophs being counted on for support in this area are 6-1 Londell Owens and 5-10 Mike Roberts, with this year's final new recruit being 6-0 incoming frosh point guard Bill Toole.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's 9-9 MAC record was Kent State's best in some time, as was the team's fourth place league finish. But with scoring ace Dave Zeigler and several other key players missing, the 1983-84 Golden Flashes may be headed back to the ranks of the sub-.500 finishers.

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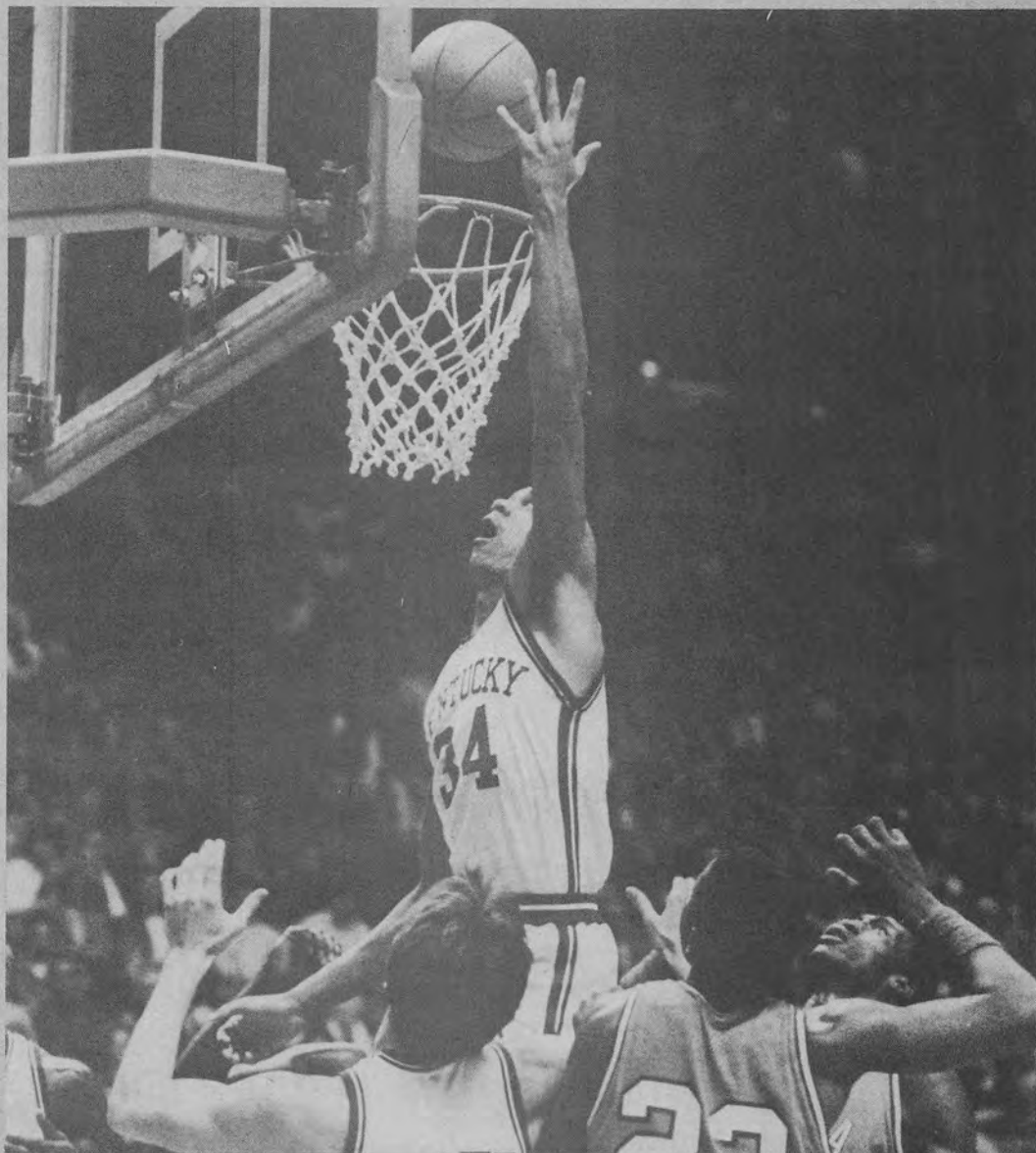
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Super sophomore Kenny Walker (34) will team in a Kentucky front line that also features Melvin Turpin and Sam Bowie. That, cage fans, is a-w-e-s-o-m-e!

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Kentucky (23-8)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Wanna headache? Just think about replacing the talent lost by UK skipper Joe B. Hall's Wildcats. Gone are school career assists champ Dirk Minniefield at guard and forwards Derrick Hord, a career 1,000-point scorer, and Charles Hurt, the most accurate field goal shooter in Wildcat history. Take that much talent away from most clubs, and they'd come tumbling down like a house of cards in a hurricane.

Not the 1983-84 'Cats though, who for starters have one of the nation's premier pivot men in 6-11 senior bruiser Melvin Turpin (15.1/6.3/83 blocked shots). It's also anticipated that — after a two-year hiatus due to a leg injury — 7-0 Sam Bowie will rejoin the UK front line and that's great news, indeed! Three years back, Bowie earned All-American praise with per game averages of 17.4 points and 9.1 rebounds. All but assured of nailing down the final starting job inside is 6-8 soph Kenny Walker (7.3/4.9), a great young talent who appeared in all 31 games and shot 60.1 percent from the floor his frosh year. Rounding out the veteran inside cast are 6-9 senior Tom Heitz (1.2/0.6) and the junior duo of 6-9 Bret Bearup (3.4/1.9) and 6-6 Troy McKinley (1.5/0.7), while this year's frosh recruiting hunt yielded 6-7 Winston Bennett, a prep all-everything from Louisville's legendary Male HS, and 6-5 swing man Vince Sanford, a Kentucky all-stater from Lexington's Lafayette High.

The anchor out front for the Wildcats is 6-5 senior Jim Master (12.5), a rangy dead-eye who drilled 53.0 percent of his field goal tries, many from long range, last season. Master's outside shooting can raise hell with any enemy zone defense. Slated to fill Minniefield's point guard spot is 5-11 senior Dicky Beal (4.2), fully recovered from a troublesome knee injury that hurt his performance in 1983-84, while another promising guard holdover is 6-1 soph Roger Harden (0.8), a former "Mr. Basketball" in Indiana. Also from the Hoosier state comes the cream of this year's frosh guard recruits, 6-3 James Blackmon from Marion, who averaged a sizzling 32.6 ppg his final prep campaign. Closer to home, the 'Cats signed 6-3 Paul Andrews, who made Kentucky's all-state scrolls.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With Sam Bowie finally expected back, plus all the other abundant talent — old and young — that he has at his disposal, Joe B. Hall should be sitting pretty this College Basketball season. Look for the 'Cats to finish high among the nation's Top Twenty, make a strong run for SEC title honors again while receiving yet another NCAA Tourney invite. And maybe, just maybe, this will be the year UK rises back to the top of the national heap.

Georgia (24-10)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

While last year's college roundball national champs North Carolina State assumed the Cinderella role, not far behind in the rags-to-riches department were Coach Hugh Durham's Bulldogs, who bumped off the likes of Virginia Commonwealth, St. John's and North Carolina on their way to the NCAA's Final Four. Right on schedule, that's Durham's program at Georgia, which again this season should produce a strong SEC title contender.

Headlining the 1983-84 'Dogs is probably the league's, and perhaps the nation's premier guard combo in 6-5 senior Vern Fleming (16.9/10.4 assists) and 6-1 junior Gerald Crosby (11.0). Off the bench, there's the letter-winning soph duo of 6-2 Donald Hartry (3.8) and 6-5 Horace McMillan (1.7), while this year's frosh recruiting hunt turned up 6-1 Melvin Howard, a consensus prep A-A, and 6-4 Dennis Williams.

Top billing in Georgia's front court goes to 6-6 senior forward James Banks (14.0/5.4), a versatile standout who finished second in team assists last year with 87. All but assured of filling one of the other two inside vacancies is 6-6 junior Richard Corhen (4.2/3.2), ace sixth man in 1982-83, while wafer-thin 7-2 soph Troy Hitchcock (1.4/0.9) is the tallest of the 'Dogs. Transfer student Joe Ward, a 6-6 soph, should add depth in

this area, as should the freshmen threesome of 6-9 Johnny Smith, 6-8 Chad Kessler and 6-7 Dwayne Rainey, all of whom played in last year's Georgia prep all-star game.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Yearly things get brighter down Athens way, where again in 1983-84 Hugh Durham should have not only an SEC, but a national title contender. Although the 'Dogs still haven't proven they've found the one dominant big man Coach Durham would like to have, this scrappy, opportunistic club should win 20 games again and make a bid for Top 20 honors this season.

LSU (19-13)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Success is becoming commonplace for the Tigers under Coach Dale Brown, who has led LSU to the best record among SEC teams over the past five years while the Bayou Bengals are the only league member to finish in the first division the past seven years. More of the same is on tap for the 1983-84 campaign too, as Brown welcomes back four regulars and has added one of the nation's finest frosh recruiting harvests.

The two returning front line regulars are 6-7 senior center/forward Leonard Mitchell (14.7/9.1), the SEC's second best rebounder last season, and 6-8 soph forward Jerry "Ice" Reynolds (10.6/6.2). The Tigers also welcome back 6-6 soph Don Redden, felled by injuries just eight games into the 1982-83 campaign, while rounding out the veteran inside cast are 6-8 junior Steffond Johnson (5.6/3.6) and 6-10 soph Rich Stanfel (1.9/1.8). LSU lost what was felt to be their premier frosh recruit when 6-8 high school All-American Tom Curry failed to meet NCAA grade point entrance requirements, but there are still three solid newcomers raring to go in 6-7 Nikita Wilson, another consensus prep A-A, 6-5 swing man Oliver Brown and 6-10 Damon Vance, who could be the sleeper of this year's Bayou Bengal recruiting haul.

Graduation claimed All-American big guard Howard "Hi C" Carter out of LSU's back court, but his starting partner returns in 6-2 senior point man Johnny Jones (6.5/12.4 assists). Battling for the other full-time back line spot are rangy 6-6 senior John Tudor (6.7) and 6-0 soph Derrick Taylor, who sat out last season with academic problems after having averaged 14.8 points and dished off 90 assists two years ago. New recruits to this area, both freshmen, are 6-0 Dennis Brown, rated one of the top six point guard prospects by the BC Recruiting Report, and 6-4 Anthony Wilson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is yet another deep, talented Bayou Bengal cage squad Dale Brown has, and LSU's string of first division SEC finishes should extend to eight this season. At least 20 wins is that GAMEPLAN sees in the cards for the 1983-84 Tigers, with a return to NCAA Tournament action also quite possible.

Alabama (20-12)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Extensive is the rebuilding job facing 'Bama hoop mentor Wimp Sanderson, who on top of losing starters Mike Davis at guard and forward Cliff Windham via the normal graduation route also saw All-American point Ennis Whatley go NBA hard-ship. Hard-pressed, therefore, will the 1983-84 Crimson Tide be to the 20-win, NCAA Tournament teams of the previous two years.

The Tide's inside mainstay is 6-9 junior center Bobby Lee Hurt (15.3/8.9), while a trio of other front line holdovers with starting experience are 6-8 senior Terry Williams (8.7/4.7), 6-11 junior Mark Farmer (1.0/1.4) and 6-7 soph Buck Johnson (8.3/4.5). Via this year's frosh recruiting treks, 'Bama also turned up the frosh inside duo of 6-6 Bruce Pettway and 6-8 Jerome White. Additionally, the Tide will have eligible for this season 6-8 soph Darrell Neal, an Oregon State transfer.

Trying to pick up the back court slack created by the dual loss of starters Davis and Whatley are 6-3 senior Eric Richard-

son (5.1) and 6-3 junior Rex Jones (0.3), while 6-3 Jim Farmer is a redshirt freshman. Incoming frosh guards are touted 6-2 Terry Coner, Alabama's "Mr. Basketball" his final prep year, and 6-4 Craig Dudley. Coner and Richardson will try to fill Whatley's point guard shoes, and how well they produce could make or break this year's 'Bama back court.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's gonna take some doing for Wimp Sanderson to keep his 'Bama record of success going since graduation has bitten his Crimson Tide pretty hard. Oh, the Tide should again finish on the plus side of .500 in 1983-84, but another 20-win campaign may be too much to expect.



Michael Brooks (21) is Tennessee's "Mr. Clutch," who pumped in more than 14 points a game a year ago.

Tennessee (20-12)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

There are only five major college teams that have appeared in the past five NCAA Tournaments, and Coach Don DeVoe's Volunteers are one of them. And despite the graduation of consensus All-American forward Dale Ellis, gobbled up in the first round of the NBA draft, this year's should again be a strong Big Orange cage contingent.

Deepest area for this year's Vols will be a back court returning for starting action the senior tandem of 6-2 senior Michael

Brooks (14.1), Tennessee's "Mr. Clutch," and 5-11 point man Tyrone Beaman (8.6). Offering veteran guard support is 6-3 junior Jerald Hyatt (1.7), while new to this area is the frosh duo of 6-3 Fred Jenkins and 6-2 Tony White. Jenkins, a prep All-American from Columbia, Tenn., has been compared by Vols' skipper DeVoe to former Big Orange guard standout Gary Carter.

Up front, the holdover cast includes two regulars, 6-7 senior forward Willie Burton (9.1/8.1) and 6-10 senior Dan Federmann (7.1/3.9). Veterans vying for the third starting job in this area are 6-5 junior Kevin Woods (2.9/2.0), 6-8 junior Kirk Naler (1.7/1.1) and 6-7 soph Rob Jones (1.3/2.2) with this year's frosh recruiting harvest turning up 6-10 John Snodgrass and 6-6 Anthony Richardson. Snodgrass, one of the nation's top rated prep big men, was a two-time Tennessee all-state pick while playing at Chattanooga's McCallie Prep.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: While the departure of Dale Ellis will hurt Tennessee's front line, this is nonetheless another fine Volunteer cage squad Don DeVoe leads into the 1983-84 campaign. Twenty wins, SEC title contention and a sixth straight NCAA Tourney invite should be coming Tennessee's way this season.

Auburn (15-13)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Imagine portly comedian Jackie Gleason, but housed in the body of nimble ballet star Rudolf Nureyev. There you have Auburn's mountainous, but incredibly agile 6-6, 272-pound center Charles Barkley, about whom one local media pundit said: "If it were the S.S. Barkley that hit the iceberg instead of the Titanic, the iceberg would've sunk!"

Don't let Barkley's bulk fool you, though, because not only did he lead last year's Tigers in both scoring (14.4) and rebounding (9.8), he also was the team pacesetter in field goal percentage (64.4) and blocked shots (45). An opposing coach in the SEC once commented about Barkley: "They oughta call him 'Amana.' He looks like a danged refrigerator!" Returning with Barkley to Auburn's starting front line is 6-8 soph forward Chuck Person (9.3/4.6). A pair of 6-7 lettermen, senior Greg Turner (4.1/2.8) and junior Mark Cahill (1.6/1.0), are after the corner vacated by the graduation of NBA draftee Darrell Lockhart but leaving naught to chance, the Tiger coaching staff brought in five new front line recruits. They are: 6-5 soph and South Carolina transfer Vernia Strickland, 6-7 JUCO product Carey Holland and the frosh threesome of 6-10 Michael Rutledge, 6-6 Terry Martin and 6-7 Howard Spencer. Rutledge was widely regarded as the premier big man in Alabama's prep ranks while Martin was rated one of the nation's top 10 small forward prospects by the B/C Scouting Service.

Although low profile as a scorer himself (modest 3.7 ppg), nonetheless 6-0 senior point man Paul Daniels (134 assists) had a goodly hand in the points that go up on Auburn's side of the scoreboard. Foremost of the other guard holdovers is the letter-winning soph pair of 6-4 Brian Shepperd (1.0) and Donnie Butcher (0.7), while a trio of frosh guard prospects are 6-4 Frank Ford, 6-2 Gerald White and 6-4 Richie Welsh. Ford, the plum of this year's Tiger recruiting harvest, averaged a solid 26.4 points and an amazing 21.5 rebounds his final prep season. He was ranked as the No. 5 big guard prospect in the country by the B/C Scouting Service.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Tigers 15-13 Mark was Auburn's first finish on the hardwood since the 1975-76 campaign, and with tank-sized Barkley keying the front line, Daniels setting the back court tempo and incoming frosh big guard Ford rated a can't-misser, look for the War Eagles to screech up another winning record in '83-'84.

Vanderbilt (19-14)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Better and better have the Commodores gotten under three-year head man C.M. Newton, who led Vandy from 15-13 his first season to a 19-14, NIT appearance a year ago. The strength of this year's Commodore roundballers will be what is probably the SEC's premier guard tandem, 6-2 senior point man Al McKinney and 5-11 junior shooter deluxe Phil Cox.

A year ago, for the second consecutive season, McKinney (5.0 ppg) led Vandy in both assists (111) and steals (48), while

14.5 ppg scorer Cox was the nation's fourth ranked free throw percentage (89.7) shooter. Veteran support for them comes from 6-2 senior Jimmy Lenz along with the soph duo of 5-11 Darrell Dulaney and 6-4 Jeff Gary, with this year's frosh recruiting hunt turning up 6-1 David Joiner.

Overhaul is needed in a Vandy front line minus two regulars (center Ted Young and forward James Williams), last year's No. 1 and No. 3 rebounders. Second on the 1982-83 board pounding charts was 6-9 senior holdover forward regular Jeff Turner (13.2/5.5), while rising 6-6 soph Bobby Westbrook (3.3/2.6) looks like a cinch to lock up the other forward spot. Ditto at center for 6-10 soph Brett Burrow (4.8/2.9), who appeared in all 33 games his frosh season. Two incoming freshmen of repute are 6-10 Will Perdue and 6-9 Steve Reece, both selected Adidas honorable mention All-Americans their final prep years.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is, its graduation losses notwithstanding, another solid hardwood team C.M. Newton will lead into the 1983-84 college season. Sparked by their banner back court duo of McKinney and Cox, plus front line mainstay Turner, this year's Vandy contingent bears an SEC first division label all the way.

Mississippi State (17-12)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Last year's Bulldogs gnawed out the school's best hardwood record in some time, and while graduation claimed three regulars including first round NBA pick Jeff Malone, MSU skipper Bob Boyd feels the excellent recruiting harvest he and his staff enjoyed during the off-season will help fill those holes. They better, too, because like always, the SEC is loaded with powerful teams.

The top scorer back, but with only a 7.4 per game average, is 6-3 senior point guard Butch Pierre, who has led the team in assists the past two years with respective totals of 108 and 104. The only other back court holdovers with so much as letter-winning experience are 6-2 soph Richard Person (3.6) and 5-11 junior Jeff Norwood (2.2 in 12 games before becoming academically ineligible). Heading this year's new guard recruits, all freshmen, is 6-4 Todd McCaskill, Mississippi's top prep scorer with a 30.3 average last year, while also arriving are 6-3 Rembert Martin and 6-2 Tracy Taylor.

Up front, there are only three letter-decorated returnees, 6-7 senior Kelvin Hildreth (5.3/5.3), 6-4 soph Chauncey Robinson (5.0/3.9) and 6-5 senior Mackey Whyte (1.5/2.4). So once again, new arrivals will have to be of instant value inside, with those newcomers being the JUCO transfer duo of 6-8 Jeff Wulff and 6-5 Ken Harvey, along with three frosh signees, 6-7 Anthony Robinson, 6-7 Vincent Riley and 6-5 Mark Peters. Robinson and Riley were both consensus Mississippi all-state selections their final prep years, as was MSU guard recruit McCaskill, giving the Bulldogs three of the state's finest prospects in one big haul.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Bulldogs just missed out on both NCAA Tourney and NIT bids last season, but will probably have to settle for less in 1983-84 unless the new recruits make a big splash right away. In a lot of other conferences, the 'Dogs might be able to survive their graduation losses, but in the rugged SEC this year's MSU cagers look headed back down to the second division.

Florida (13-18)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Avg.**

Optimism abounds in Gainesville, where Coach Norm Sloan is readying unquestionably the best of his three Gator hardwood aggregations. What has Sloan the most excited is the addition of several outstanding guard recruits to augment what is probably the SEC's premier front line of 6-8 senior Ronnie Williams, 6-8 junior Eugene McDowell and 6-5 senior Ver-non Delancy.

Williams, already UF's all-time leading scorer, pumped in 18.6 ppg and cleared an average of 8.8 boards last season, while McDowell also pulled down 8.8 rpg, scored at a 16.5 clip and set Gator records for field goal shooting percentage (.646, third nationally) and blocked shots (48). Delancy, a super passing forward, handed out 165 assists a year ago and bucketed 12.9 ppg. Two other front line returnees with starting experience are 6-6 senior Charles Griffin (6.2/2.2) and 6-9 junior

Randall Leath (4.6/2.4), with this year's lone inside recruit being 6-10 JUCO transfer Mark Saso. Plans, however, may call for Saso to redshirt this year.

Foremost of UF's veteran backcourters are 5-11 junior Nabe Palmer (5.3), who along with center McDowell was the only Gator to start all 31 games last season, 6-5 junior George Jackson (4.9) and 6-1 soph David Visscher (1.4). But meet the new guard faces, starting with 6-4 freshman redshirt Rollie Castineyra, 6-4 JUCO product Danny Sheldon and the incoming frosh quartet of 6-4 Darryl Gresham, 5-11 Travis Benton, 6-0 Andrew Moten and 6-5 Joe Lawrence. Gresham was the mainstay for a Decatur, Ga., prep team that rang up a composite 57-1 record over the past two years, while Moten averaged 28.1 points and 10.3 assists his final scholastic season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's no doubt this is the strongest Gator cage team in some time, with Coach Sloan having augmented his super front court trio of Williams, McDowell and Delancy with some fine-looking guard recruits. So bright is the UF outlook in fact, GAMEPLAN for one predicts this team could crack the SEC's first division in 1983-84.

Mississippi (19-12)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Last year's Rebels were the SEC's surprise team under rookie skipper Lee Hunt, who reaped well-deserved league "coach of the year" honors for the fine job he did in 1982-83. Graduation, though, has claimed 1-2 scorers and NBA draftees Carlos Clark and Roger Stieg, and those are both very large shoes to fill.

This season's Rebs should be most solid at guard where both starters return in 6-0 senior Cecil Dowell (6.5/127 assists) and 6-4 junior Eric Laird (11.2), last year's No. 3 scorer. Veteran back line support comes from 6-0 senior Brad Pierce (2.3) and 6-3 senior Ken Coghlan (0.5), while a trio of incoming frosh guard prospects with glowing prep credentials are 6-5 Joey Ayers, 6-4 Brad Goshien and 6-4 Andre Laird, the younger brother of Ole Miss guard regular Eric. Ayers, from Alabama, and Arkansas native Goshien were both all-state picks last year.

Up front, it'll be tough to replace Clark and Stieg, but veteran holdovers certain to give it their best shot are 6-5 junior Michael Partridge (8.0/5.8), 6-7 junior George Buckner (3.6/3.0) and 6-7 soph Derek Horne (0.3/0.8). New front line additions are 6-7 JUCO transfer Braxton Clark and the frosh quartet of 6-11 Sylvester Kincheon, 6-6 Mark Pace, 6-7 Don Royster and 6-6 Bruce Tranbarger. The gems of that incoming contingent are Clark, the leading scorer (35.4 ppg) in the national JC ranks last year, and towering frosh center Kincheon, a Class AAAA all-stater from Austin, Texas. One has to wonder how Kincheon slipped the Texas Longhorn net.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After a second place (tie) finish and an NIT invite in their first year under Lee Hunt, victories may be a bit harder to come by for the 1983-84 Rebels with Clark and Stieg missing. But a winning record is surely a strong possibility.

Metro Conf.

Memphis State (23-8)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Under Coach Dana Kirk, national Top 20 rankings, high Metro Conference finishes and NCAA Tourney invites have become S.O.P. for the Tigers - and little will change in 1983-84! Yes, the beat goes on in Memphis where not only does Kirk welcome back just about every veteran player, led by brilliant All-American power forward Keith Lee, but also the Tigers enjoyed as good a recruiting year as any Metro team.

Lee, a 6-10 junior with unbelievable inside moves, last season rang up averages of 18.7 points and 10.8 rebounds while his 96 rejected shots were the most in the entire league. Returning with Lee to an all-veteran starting front line are 6-5 senior small forward Bobby Parks (15.7/6.9), whose 59.4 per-



Louisville's All-American guard combination: Milt Wagner (20) and Lancaster "Flash" Gordon (4). Wagner led last year's 32-4 NCAA Final Four team in scoring with 14.4 ppg while Gordon was second at 13.7.

cent field goal shooting ranked among the Division 1-A's best last season, and 6-9 senior center Derrick Phillips (8.6/6.5). This will be the third straight year Lee, Parks and Phillips will be starting together. Off the bench in this area is, first off, 6-7 soph Baskerville Holmes (4.0/3.6), a former prep All-American who played in all 31 games his yearling campaign, while arriving via this year's frosh haul are 6-11 William Bedford, 6-9 DeWayne Bailey and 6-7 Larry Bush. Bedford and Bailey were prep teammates on last year's Memphis Melrose HS state Class AAA championship club, while Bush is a product of the tough Chicago inner-city leagues. None of the incoming frosh figure to start, of course, but their presence will alleviate the up front depth shortage that hurt MSU's 1982-83 efforts.

Aptly-nicknamed Phillip "Doom" Haynes (13.6/51.5 percent field goal shooter), a real zone buster, and slick 5-10 soph Andre Turner (9.9/127 assists) return to give the Tigers one of the Metro's premier starting guard duos. Best of the veteran back line reserves are 6-2 senior Ricky McCoy (1.6) and 6-3 senior John Albright (1.3) with the last of this year's incoming frosh being 6-3 guard prospect John Wilfong, whose father (Gene) and uncle (Win) were former Tiger cage stars.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Like we said right at the outset, "the beat goes on" in Tigerland, where 1983-84 will be little different than the last few seasons of basketball down Memphis way. Twenty-plus wins, well up on the Metro ladder and back in

the NCAAs should be this year's MSU basketballers, and how can you not consider this team a definite contender for the national title!

Louisville (32-4)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Want probably the safest bet in College Basketball? Okay, wager that in 1983-84, just as they have been since day one of Denny Crum's arrival in Louisville, the Cardinals will battle for the Metro title, wind up in the Top Twenty and come NCAA Tourney time, be as prominent as any invitee. Put your house mortgage on it!

Leading the U of L charge will be what is arguably the nation's premier guard tandem, 6-2 senior Lancaster Gordon (13.7/102 assists/62 steals) and 6-5 junior Milt Wagner (14.4), a downtown shooter who banged at a 51.9 percent rating from the field last season who can locate the net from out by the concession stands. Veteran back line support will come from 6-2 junior Kent Jones (0.8) and the soph duo of 6-4 Jeff Hall (5.0) and 6-3 Chris West (1.0). Hall saw action in all 36 games his frosh year, averaging 15.1 minutes per contest, and he gets first call when either Gordon or Wagner needs a breather.

Up front, Rodney and Scooter McCray have been lost to graduation but 6-8 senior Charles Jones (10.9/6.9/82 blocked

shots) returns for another year of starting center duty. Backup help in the middle will come from heralded 6-11 frosh recruit Barry Sumpter, a board pounder who can also get up and down the floor with tremendous quickness for his size. At the forward positions, 6-7 soph standout Billy Thompson (7.3/3.9) should be a cinch to start on one side, while experienced hands after the opposite corner are 6-7 junior Manuel Forrest, back and fully recovered from an injury that cut him down just seven games into last season; 6-6 soph Robbie Valentine (1.3/1.1) and 6-6 junior Danny Mitchell (1.2/0.9). Rounding out this year's U of L freshmen class are 6-7 Mark McSwain, a Georgia prep all-stater, and 6-9 local product Will Olliges from Louisville's St. Xavier High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: As always, Denny Crum has himself a powerhouse down Louisville way, where the Cards have gone to the NCAA's 10 times and the NIT twice in their dozen years under Crum. NCAA Tourney bound is where **GAMEPLAN** sees this year's U of L cagers too, and the Cardinals even have a legitimate shot at making what would be an amazing fourth trip to the Final Four in the past five seasons.

Virginia Tech (23-11)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Most pre-season forecasters ALWAYS pick Louisville as the Metro Conference's team to beat, but if anybody can do it this year, it just might be Coach Charles Moir's Hokies. Back from last year's Gobbler team that won a school record 23 games are all five starters plus most of the key reserves, while sweetening the VPI pot is the arrival of four talented frosh recruits and a pair of JUCO transfers.

Tech's starting front line will again call into play the services of 6-5 junior Perry Young (16.1/5.9), 6-9 soph Bobby Beecher (12.7/6.1) and 6-6 soph Keith Colbert (10.0/5.4). Beecher and Colbert were both chosen to last year's Metro all-rookie team. Foremost of the other vets returning inside is 6-9 senior John Dixon (3.6/2.8), while of Tech's half-dozen new recruits five are frontliners. They are: JUCO products 6-9 David Lang and 6-5 swing man Gerald Kennedy, along with the frosh threesome of 6-6ers Craig Eversoll, Phil Williams and 6-7 Charles Rogers.

Getting the starting guard call again will be 6-4 soph Dell Curry (14.5/10.7 assists), who joined Hokie frontliners Beecher and Colbert on last year's league all-rookie squad, and 6-0 junior point man Al Young (6.9/138 feeds). Experienced help off the bench will come from 6-3 junior Ron Everhart (2.8) and 6-0 junior Tim Lewis (1.9), while this year's final newcomer is 6-2 freshman point guard Mark Whitaker.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's no reason in the world to expect a letdown by this year's Hokies, who boast some of the finest young talent in the Metro Conference. Along with an also veteran-heavy Memphis State team, the 1983-84 Hokies look to be the main threats to Louisville's recent Metro dominance.

South Carolina (22-9)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

The Gamecocks have given up their fancy-free major college independent status to join the Metro Conference for the 1983-84 campaign. Coach Bill Foster calls joining the Metro a "big transition," but the Gamecocks should be able to handle it with all but a few players returning from last year's NIT squad.

Carolina's ace in the hole is 6-8 senior forward Jimmy Foster (17.3/8.9), team leader in both scoring and rebounding the past two years. The other two-thirds of the starting front line will again be made up of 6-5 senior Kenny Holmes (9.8/3.2) and 6-8 senior Brad Jergenson (9.5/5.2), while two others holding over in this area with starting experience are 7-0 junior Mike Brittain (4.4/2.3) and 6-10 junior Duane Kendall (4.3/2.4). Just arrived is 6-6 freshman Gerald Perry.

A replacement must be found for graduated point guard Gerald Peacock in the back court, where foremost of the battle-tested returnees are 6-3 junior Jimmy Hawthorne (8.4), 6-3 junior Harold Martin (6.0) and 6-3 senior Scott Sanderson (2.0). Rounding out this year's Gamecock newcomers list are 6-0 soph Tom Stierle, a transfer from Emporia State University in Kansas, along with the frosh duo of 6-2 Michael Foster and

6-3 Matt Mayes. Foster was the quarterback for a Greensboro Pace HS team that went 26-0 last season and won the North Carolina Class AAAA championship.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Gamecocks have steadily improved in their three years under Bill Foster and should continue that upbeat in this, their first season of Metro Conference membership. Look for the Gamecocks to forge another fine won-lost mark while bidding for a first division Metro finish in 1983-84.

Tulane (19-12)

Starters Returning—1 **Schedule—Avg.**

After back-to-back second place Metro finishes and NIT appearances, this year's Green Wave could be breaking with less ferocity. Missing are four starters, among them school career scoring kingpin Paul Thompson, leaving Coach Ned Fowler with a major rebuilding job if his cagers are to stay in this year's Metro hunt.

Tulane's front line will look for leadership from 6-9 junior center John Williams (12.4/5.4), who slipped somewhat last season after being Metro "rookie of the year" his frosh campaign. The only other inside holdover with much game action under his belt is 6-7 junior Clyde Eads (6.3/1.6), so the Green Wave almost has to have immediate contributions from a trio of newcomers -- the JUCO transfer tandem of 6-8ers Jon Johnson and Ernest Aughburns, along with 6-8 freshman Whitney Dabney. Dabney, a local product of New Orleans' Booker T. Washington HS, was selected to the Times Picayune/States-Item "Blue Chip List."

Experienced hands are more plentiful in Tulane's back court, where foremost of the returnees are 6-3 senior Tony Wallace, out last season due to injury but the team's third highest scorer two years ago, 6-4 senior Howard Jenkins (7.4), 6-2 senior Gary Delph (2.4) and the soph duo of 6-3 Danny Gauthier (1.7) and 5-11 Kevin Saulny (1.1). This year's lone new guard recruit, 6-7 freshman David Dominique, is the tallest player the Green Wave has ever had at that position.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Success will doubtless be harder to come by for this year's Green Wave, deprived as they've been of some outstanding graduated talent. Tulane is in danger of not only slipping under .500 this season, but also of falling back into the Metro's second division.

Cincinnati (11-17)

Starters Returning—1 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Former Bearcat All-American Tony Yates, who helped spark UC's 1960-61, 1961-62 National Championship clubs, has taken over for the ousted Ed Badger as head coach. And just as Yates as a player made his mark with tenacious defense and all-out hustle, so he expects his first edition of Bearcats to conduct themselves in an effort to overcome the departure of three regulars via graduation and the additional loss of Myron Hughes, who's recovering from knee surgery and won't suit up in 1983-84.

The deepest area of this year's 'Cats in terms of experience is a back court that returns two players who saw starting duty a year ago, 6-2 junior Derrick McMillan (5.7) and 6-5 junior Marty Campbell (7.6), along with three others who lettered as backups, 6-1 junior Tony Wilson, 6-5 soph Mike McNally and 6-3 junior Doug Kecman. Coach Yates first recruiting harvest turned up a trio of frosh guard prospects in 6-3 Joe Stiffend, a two-time Illinois all-state prepster, 6-1 Calvin Phiffer and 5-9 mite-mite Luther Tiggs.

Newcomers will have to come through right away in the Bearcat front line, where the lone holdovers with any kind of varsity experience are 6-6 seniors Mark Dorris (6.5/3.8) and Joe Niemann (0.7/0.3). Fresh base line recruits are 6-6 freshman Mark Dale, who helped East St. Louis Lincoln High to a 55-4 mark in his three years as a starter, along with the JUCO transfer tandem of 6-7 Mike Szczepanski and 6-6 Troy Thompson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: 'Tis a long year, it appears, that lies ahead for the Bearcats and their new skipper, Tony Yates, whose UC bloodlines date back to some of the school's finest hardwood days. The Bearcats dropped 17 games last season and considering all the talent lost from that club, a 20-defeat campaign looms ahead for UC's 1983-84 cagers.

Florida State (14-14)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

It's a heavy load Seminole cage skipper Joe Williams is placing upon the shoulders of 6-11 JUCO transfer Alton Lee Gipson, said to be a Keith Lee-type dominating frontliner. "We need Alton to step in at the low post spot where we haven't had a dominant big man in two years," candidly states FSU mentor Williams. "How good will we be? It might depend on Alton."

Gipson, widely regarded as the premier JUCO pivot prospect, joins a Bearcat front line returning for starting forward duties 6-6 senior Vince Martello (13.9/5.4) and 6-6 soph Granville Arnold (7.4/2.6). Three more inside holdovers with starting knowhow are 6-5 senior Michael Johnson (8.5/4.4), 6-6 junior David Speights (3.7/2.5) and 6-8 senior Bobby Miles (2.6/2.3), while Coach Williams has high praise for 6-8 incoming freshman Randy Allen.

First round NBA draftee Mitchell Wiggins, a two-time 20 ppg scorer, is missing in FSU's back court, but returning for point guard duties is 6-1 senior Tony William (13.1), who led the Metro Conference in both assists (156) and steals (75) last season. Good as he is, though, William is expected to feel pressure from 6-2 JUCO transfer Joe Farrar, a super point prospect, while a second JUCO product, 6-5 Dean Shaffer, will battle lettermen 6-5 junior Maurice Myrick (5.3) and 6-0 senior Ronnie Watson (1.2) for the vacant guard spot.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Depth-wise, this is probably the finest FSU cage squad Joe Williams has had since 1980-81's 17-11 bunch, and there may be no denying the 1983-84 Seminoles a first division Metro niche. Granted, Louisville and Memphis State look logjammed at the top again, but remember you heard it first right here in GAMEPLAN -- this year's FSU roundballers will pull some surprises before the season's out!

Southern Mississippi (14-14)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Coach M.K. Turk's Golden Eagles struggled to break even in their first year of full-fledged Metro membership, and could be in for another rough season in 1983-84 unless the SMU cage skipper can fill the holes created by the graduation of three regulars. Not without its strong suits, though, will be this year's Golden Eagles, who for one thing boast one of the Metro's top guards in Curtis Green.

Green, a 6-1 senior, popped in a team high 16.7 ppg while also pacing the club in steals (58) and earning second team all-league last season. The chief holdover backliners besides Green is the letter-winning soph tandem of 6-5 Michael Jett (4.3) and 6-2 Michael Crosby (1.7), while arriving with the incoming frosh class is 6-3 Kenny Siler, who led Florida's Crestview HS to a 31-4 record and second place in last year's state class AAA championship tournament.

Inside, graduation has cost the Golden Eagles center Carl Mitchell and forward Kenny Dailey, both regulars, as well as valuable backup Willie Robinson, leaving as the only holdovers with starting experience 6-6 junior James Williams (9.6/3.6) and 6-6 senior Ken Suttles (3.2/3.4). Those with letter-winning savvy returning up front are 6-6 senior Marc Tisza (2.6/1.6) and 6-6 soph Marty Stubblefield (2.5/2.0), while three newcomers inside, all frosh signees, are 6-9 Eddie Pope, 6-8 Adam Simmons and 6-7 Steven Jett. Simmons and Jett were both unanimous selections to play in Georgia's prep all-star game this summer.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A bit more accustomed to the Metro and its members, year two of the Golden Eagles era in the league shouldn't require as much adjustment for Coach Turk's team. But graduation has hurt this club, in particular up front, so it's hard to see Southern Miss improving an awful lot on either their won-lost mark or Metro finish in 1983-84.

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Ohio Valley

Morehead State (19-11)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Know how prisoners sometimes mark off the days of their jail sentence on a calendar? That's probably also what Eagle skipper Wayne Martin is doing at the approach of the 1983-84 college hardwood season, which Martin will greet with the strongest aggregation he's had in his five-year Morehead State tenure.

Keying a deep, veteran MSU back court is 6-2 senior Guy Minnifield, an All-OVC pick last season when he paced the Eagles in scoring (15.8), assists (134) and steals (69). A trio of other solid guard returnees are 5-9 senior Arthur "Pee Wee" Sullivan (8.6), 6-2 senior Jeff Fultz (2.2) and 6-0 soph Rob Barker (3.1). Further back line help is expected from 6-4 JUCO transfer Mike Everett and 6-3 freshman Tony Vance.

Joining guard Minnifield on last year's all-league team was 6-7 senior forward Earl Harrison (13.6/9.0), the OVC's second best rebounder, while three other front line holdovers with starting knowhow are 6-11 senior Jeff Tipton (9.8/3.9), and 6-7 seniors Jeff Tucker (9.7/6.7) and Eddie Childress (8.9/3.3). The new recruits on the inside are 6-7 JUCO product Willie Feldhaus and 6-7 freshman Pate Clements.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: You gotta like the Eagles as this year's OVC pre-season title favorite, returning as they do most of the key performers off last year's NCAA Tournament team. Twenty wins is the least GAMEPLAN sees for Coach Wayne Martin's cagers, who also get our vote as the OVC's team-to-beat in 1983-84.



Morehead State's All-OVC guard Guy Minnifield does it all with style -- and then some! Minnifield paced last year's Eagles in scoring, assists and steals.

Murray State (21-8)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

The high rolling Racers have hung up 20 or more victories and gone to the NIT three times in the past four years, and there isn't an OVC team that can match that record of success during that span. As usual, MSU skipper Ron Greene must replace a part here or there, but just like most always of late the Racers have enough on hand — veterans and newcomers combined — to again make some big waves in the 1983-84 league title chase.

Showing the way by example for the Racers is 5-10 senior guard and four-year MSU starter Lamont Sleet, who finished among last year's OVC leaders in scoring (16.9), assists (11.7) and steals (6.7). If he can score 502 points his final year, a realistic goal for him, Sleet would become the school career point-making champion. Operating full-time alongside Sleet again is 6-3 senior Brian Stewart (8.1/8.5 assists/5.9 steals), who also does it all at both ends of the floor, while most notable of the remaining guard corps are 6-1 senior James Preston (2.7) and 6-3 soph Derek Lindauer (1.4). Freshly stocked in MSU's back line cupboard is 6-4 transfer Craig Talley, the sparkplug for last year's nationally ranked 36-3 Jamestown (NY) JUCO, and 6-2 freshman Willie Holland, a Tennessee schoolboy all-state selection.

Inside, it'll take some tall doing to replace the 36.8 points and 16.3 rebounds lost via the graduation of OVC co-player-of-the-year Glen Green and league rebounding champ Ricky Hood. The best of a slim returning cast here is the senior duo of 6-7 David Youngblood (3.0/1.1) and 6-4 Craig Jones (2.6/1.0), but a plus in this area is the return of 1982-83 redshirts Vada Martin, a 6-7 junior who started last year's first nine games before academics got the better of him, and 6-6 soph knee injury victim Rob Sanders. Of this year's four new frontliners, one was guard recruit Talley's teammate at Jamestown CC, 6-6 Gary Jefferson, while the others are incoming frosh prospects 6-7 Curtis Davis and 6-9 Mark Yarbrough.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After the way the Racers have been knocking about a lot of their OVC rivals the past few years, some of those league members may view 1983-84 — which MSU enters sans Green and Hood — as the season to do some getting even. Forget it! Okay, this year's Racers may have trouble putting 20 victories up again, but **GAMEPLAN** doesn't see them finishing far short of that while also forging out another upper echelon berth in the OVC.

Akron (14-15)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Much like the legendary Pistol Pete Maravich during his college playing days at Louisiana State, the Zips have a lanky scoring machine of their own in 6-5 senior guard Joe Jakubick. A year ago, Jakubick filled the hole to the sweet tune of 28.5 ppg and he enters his final year needing just 221 points to reach the 2,000-point career plateau and 260 markers to become UA's all-time scoring leader.

Jakubick paces a back court also returning for starting duty 6-5 junior Wayne Pierce (10.9) while supplying letter-winning support in this area 6-4 soph John Strong (3.8) and the junior duo of 6-3 Fred Johnson (2.4) and 6-0 Mike Fenwick (1.7). Strong, Johnson and Fenwick all saw starting action last season. A pair of incoming frosh guards being counted on to take some of the playmaking load off Jakubick are 6-4 John Loyer and 5-11 Russell Brown.

Up front, the Zips return both forward regulars in juniors 6-6 Rick Acord (11.2/5.3) and 6-5 Jamie Suthers (5.9/4.9) with veteran backup help in the corners coming from 6-4 junior swing man Curt Shaffer (2.2/1.7). The pivot spot has been reserved for rugged 6-8 junior Brian Roth, a 235-pound transfer from Kent State about whom Zips' Coach Bob Rupert comments: "He's probably the first legitimate post player we have recruited in four years." Backstopping him in the middle will be 6-8 soph Darius Moss with the last of this year's newcomers being the frosh duo of 6-10 Jon Gordon and 6-7 Joh Ash.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by scoring machine Jakubick and a handful of other solid vets, and with help expected from several promising newcomers, the 1983-84 Zips should almost certainly push their won-loss record above .500.

In point of fact, this year's Akron cagers should even play a prominent role in deciding the OVC champion.

Youngstown State (15-12)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

If it's a certified aircraft carrier you're looking for, check out the Penguins' 7-1, 260-pound senior center Ricky Tunstall, an immovable force in the middle if ever there was one! A year ago, Tunstall scored 11.1 ppg, cleared an average of 6.7 boards but most impressively, finished second in the Division 1-A ranks with 138 blocked shots.

Tunstall leads a Penguin front line also returning for starting duty both forwards in 6-7 juniors Troy Williams (12.0/6.3) and Ray Robinson (7.6/4.8). The chief inside backup will be 6-6 senior Steve Taylor (3.2/3.2).

Out front, one starting guard role will again be filled by 6-1 junior Kevin Cherry (4.5) with 5-10 soph letterman Bruce Timko (6.2) coveting the opposite berth. Pressing Timko, however, will be flashy 6-3 incoming freshman James "Vulcher" Fulcher, a New Jersey prep all-stater who could also see some small forward action.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With the burly Tunstall leading the way, Coach Mike Rice's 1983-84 Penguins are sure to be a factor in a wide open OVC race. This team, however, does not go that deep so if too many injuries strike, Youngstown State will be in a real pickle.

Austin Peay (11-16)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Many first year coaches walk into situations that are anything but rosy, but not so new Governors' mentor Howard Jackson. For openers, Jackson inherits four regulars from a year ago plus a 1982-83 redshirt who was the OVC's top freshman two seasons ago. And, in his initial recruiting effort at Austin Peay, Jackson has added four fine newcomers.

Up front, the Guvs follow the lead of 6-6 senior Lenny Manning (16.5/6.0) while also returning to give this area an all-senior starting look are 6-5 Greg Andrews (13.3/4.9) and 6-6 Mandel Stockton (8.4/6.9). Veteran inside support comes from the senior threesome of 6-9 Cecil Felts, 6-4 Alvin Ingle, 6-6 Al Bellenfant and 6-7 soph John Collins. New to the Governor front line is 6-9 freshman Jimmy McGill, a Tennessee prep all-state selection.

Back court holdovers who started 1982-83 games are 6-3 senior Joe Parker (8.4), 5-11 soph Lonnie West (4.7/8.5 assists), selected to last year's league all-freshman team, and 5-10 senior Kevin James (1.2). Also in the guard picture again after redshirting last season is 6-1 soph Pat Dye, top vote-getter on the OVC All-Frosh squad two years ago. This year's recruiting hunt yielded the JUCO transfer duo of six-footers James Rorex and Kent Able along with 6-3 freshman swing man Duane Johnson, who played with the Pennsylvania all-star team in the last Dapper Dan Classic.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This should most definitely be a stronger Guvs cage squad under new head honcho Jackson, since to a potful of solid vets some outstanding recruits have been added. Look, then, for Austin Peay to crack the .500 barrier while trying hard to dent the OVC's first division.

Middle Tennessee (7-20)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Saddled with a 1982-83 schedule that included the hefty likes of Alabama, South Alabama, Vanderbilt, Xavier and New Orleans outside the OVC, it was hardly a shocker when Coach Stan Simpson's Blue Raiders finished 7-20 last season. This year's schedule is a butt-buster, too, opening on the road against nationally ranked Memphis State, but Simpson feels his club is better prepared to deal with it since his latest recruiting harvest filled what were felt to be the team's two major weaknesses (perimeter shooting and inside help).

Of the veteran frontliners, the two most valuable are 6-6 senior Doug Lipscomb (12.8/8.4) and 6-10 soph Raleigh Choice (8.6/3.9). The new inside arrivals start with the JUCO transfer pair of 6-4 Lonnie Thompson, chosen Georgia's JC "player of the year," and 6-7 Russell Smith, then goes on to include 6-7 freshman Tracy Curtis.

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A fixture at one guard spot for the Blue Raiders is 6-3 soph LaRae Davis (11.1), a starter all 27 games his frosh year, while a good bet to land the other back line spot is 6-3 Anthony Anderson, the state of Mississippi's JUCO "player of the year" in 1982-83. Also falling under the JC transfer heading is 6-1 Leon Isaac, while the incoming frosh class contains 6-1 Andrew Thompson, the leading prep scorer (27 ppg) in South Carolina last year, and 6-3 Bryant Woodford.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The 1983-84 Blue Raiders do look improved enough to blot out the memory of last year's 20-loss season with a better showing this coming college roundball campaign. But we still can't see this club climbing above .500 nor making much of a run for first division OVC status.

Eastern Kentucky (10-17)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

It won't take long! Not long at all for Coach Max Good to find out if he's filled the holes created by the graduation of three regulars and several key reserves. It won't take long since the Colonels open the 1983-84 season against the likes of Cincinnati, Xavier (O.), Vanderbilt, Auburn, Memphis State and Dayton.

EKU will build its back court, minus two-time scoring leader Jimmy Stepp, around 6-0 soph point guard John DeCamillis (6.4/OVC leading 121 assists), selected to last year's league all-freshman team. A good bet to land the other guard spot is 1982-83 redshirt Frank Baines, a 6-2 junior who averaged 10.8 ppg two years ago as a starter. The only other experienced backliner on hand is 6-4 junior Allen Feldhaus (2.9), so immediate help will be expected from the 6-2 incoming frosh duo of Woody Edwards, who pumped in 24.8 ppg his final year at Atlanta's Clarkston HS, and Antonio Parris, a 21.0 scorer his senior season at Chattanooga's Kirkman Tech.

Leading the front line cast will be 6-4 junior small forward Kenny Wilson (10.8/4.9), but otherwise this will be a mostly untested crew. Vets back are juniors 6-7 Mike Budzinski, 6-6 Dave Dixon and 6-8 Scott Daniels, with this year's recruiting efforts turning up a pair of JUCO products, 6-5ers John Primm and Phil Hill, along with the freshmen threesome of 6-6 Maurice Smith, 6-7 Art Hanson and 6-8 Michael Saulsberry. All five newcomers are reputedly good rebounders, which in and of itself should stand them in good stead with the board-shy Colonels.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With all that graduation has cost them, it's virtually impossible to expect a winning record from this year's ECU cagers. The second division of the OVC, that's where it appears this team is headed in 1983-84.

Tennessee Tech (16-12)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Coming off the school's best hardwood season in 17 years, and with all but one regular returning, Coach Tom Deaton has to be anxious for the 1983-84 campaign to get underway. But Deaton himself admits that the key to another strong showing by the Golden Eagles hinges on filling the large shoes of that lone departed regular, all-OVC center Steve Taylor.

At the forward positions, TT has a pair of young standouts in 6-6 soph Stephen Kite (12.9/6.6), who shot a school record 59.1 percent from the floor his frosh season, and 6-4 junior Lonnie Boone (11.5/4.2). A four-way battle is shaping up at center, pitting 6-8 senior Jeff Smithson (1.8/1.1), 6-9 JUCO transfer Ricky Cantrell and the incoming frosh duo of 6-7 James Henry and 6-8 Kevin Spurling.

Once more drawing the starting guard assignments are 6-3 senior Danny Schultz (6.7) and 6-2 junior Carlton Clarrington (4.4/90 assists). Experienced support for them comes from the 6-2 junior duo of Jimmy Elliott (11.1), the 16th best free throw shooter in Division 1-A last season, and Joe Mintz (5.5).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Provided Taylor's center shoes can be filled, 1983-84 should witness another solid Golden Eagle cage contingent. Tech finished third in the OVC last season and has the material to record another first division finish this year, but a title challenge is probably too much to expect.



Eastern Kentucky will look to Kenny Wilson (21) to carry the load up front for the '83-'84 Colonels.

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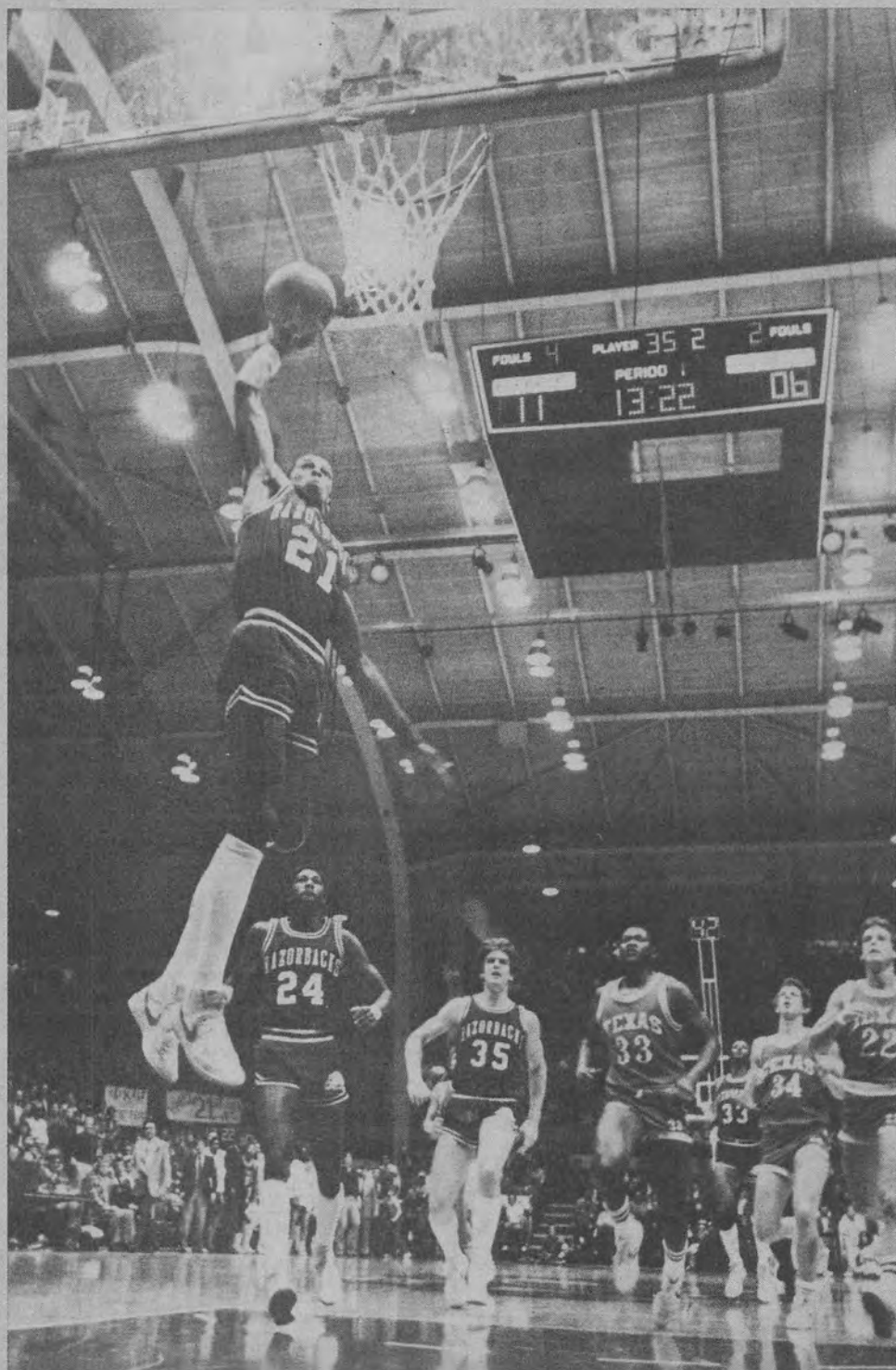
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"Quick" is the middle name of Arkansas' Alvin Robertson (21), who not only scored at a 14.2 clip but also registered 101 assists and 88 steals.



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Houston (31-3)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Phi Slama Jama has lost two of its most heralded lodge brothers in Clyde Drexler and Larry Micheaux, both of whom were quickly gobbled up in this year's NBA draft. Add to that a 1983-84 UH schedule dotted with heavy weights in and out of the SWC, and one might jump to the conclusion the Cougars are headed for a sub-par year. Well, forget it!

Start first with a Coog front line bulwarked by college basketball's most dominant big man this side of Pat Ewing of Georgetown — Akeem "The Dream" Olajuwon. Last season as a sophomore, the 7-0 Akeem had stats of 13.9 points, 11.4 rebounds and 175 blocked shots, but it was during the latter stages of the 1982-83 campaign that Olajuwon began really coming into his own as he helped UH to within two points (54-52 title game loss to North Carolina State) of the National Championship. Firmly entrenched again at one forward spot is 6-7 senior Michael Young (17.3/5.7), leading scorer and team MVP a year ago, while expected to vie for the third starting job up front are 6-5 junior swing man Benny Anders (5.9/1.6) and heralded 6-8 incoming freshman Rickie Winslow from Houston's Yates HS. Winslow capped off a brilliant prep campaign by scoring 23 points and earning game MVP honors as the U.S. All-Star team defeated a Pennsylvania all-star contingent, 123-121, in the prestigious Dapper Dan Classic. Other front line recruits are 6-4 JUCO swing man Marvin Alexander and the frosh duo of 6-6 Stacey Belcher, Winslow's high school teammate at Yates, and 6-9 Gregory Anderson.

Out front, the Coogs will rally around 6-2 soph Alvin Franklin (4.8), a starter 19 times his frosh season, and 6-7 junior passing whiz Reid Gettys (3.4), who set a school record in 1982-83 with his 209 assists despite not starting a single contest. Let-termen offering their battle-tested help on the back line are 6-1 junior Eric Dickens (2.6), 6-3 senior Derek Giles (1.5) and 6-2 soph Renaldo Thomas (1.4), while the last of this year's UH recruits is 6-4 freshman guard James Weaver, who pumped in 24.5 ppg and averaged six assists his final scholastic season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: But of course, Coach Guy Lewis again this season will have his Coogs not only in the SWC but the National Championship race, led by the superb front line pair of Akeem "The Dream" and Michael Young. Top Twenty material once more, that's the thumbnail on the 1983-84 UH roundballers, and a return to the NCAA Tournament is a foregone conclusion for this team.

Arkansas (26-4)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Razorbacks have run up an impressive 213-55 log in their nine years under Eddie Sutton, so one had to sit up and take notice when the veteran, Hogs cage skipper made the following comment on the dawn of the 1983-84 campaign: "Overall, this is probably the deepest team we've ever had. We have experience and quickness as assets. Our quickness should allow us to cause opponents some problems again. Plus, we can play enough people to wear many of our opponents down."

Nowhere is the speed of this team more evident than in a Razorback guard contingent spearheaded by 6-3 senior Alvin Robertson (14.2/10.1 assists/88 steals). "There can't be a better defensive guard around than Alvin," flatly states Coach Sutton. Trying to fill All-American Darrell Walker's shoes at the other guard spot are 6-2 senior Ricky Norton (3.7) and 6-1 soph Willie Cutts (2.8), both of whom lettered while seeing extensive relief duty last season, along with a trio of incoming freshmen — 6-4 Kenny Hutchinson, 6-3 Hunter McDonald and 6-6 Kevin Rehl. Hutchinson, a prep All-American from NY City's M.L. King HS, and the high scoring Rehl, who fired in nearly 35 ppg his final scholastic year, are the two reputed gems of this year's Arkansas frosh harvest.

Up front, the Hogs return two-thirds of their starting crew in 6-11 junior center Joe Kleine (13.3/7.3), who Sutton calls "the most physical center we've had," and 6-6 senior forward Leroy

Sutton (6.4/3.9) with 6-6 junior Charles Balentine (3.9/2.2) slated to fill the final front line spot. Providing letter-winning inside support are 6-8 soph Darryl Bedford (2.4/1.2) and 6-5 soph Keenan DeBose (2.4/1.2) while back after redshirting a year ago are 6-7 Eric Poerschke and 6-4 swing man Mike Ratliff, both of whom still retain freshman eligibility. The last of this year's incoming frosh recruits is 6-8 Jay Crane.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Hogs are always in the SWC hunt as well as national Top Twenty contenders, and 1983-84 will be no exception. Solid depth and Elmer's Glue-type defense are this team's hallmarks. Along with the Phi Slama Jama bunch at Houston, this year's Razorbacks are the hottest SWC items.

Texas Tech (11-20)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Above Avg.

It was a bitter 20-defeat pill Raider skipper Gerald Myers had to swallow last season, the most losses ever by a Tech cage team and the only under .500 finish in Myers' 12 years as head coach in Lubbock. But with every player returning for the 1983-84 campaign, and four talented newcomers arriving, the Raiders should be a much more formidable force in the SWC.

Making it all go for the Raiders with his shooting and feeding is 5-10 junior point guard Bubba Jennings (16.0/98 assists), tops on the team in both those departments a year ago. Rangy 6-6 senior David Reynolds (9.1) returns at the other back court spot with 6-6 soph Tobin Doda (2.1) and 6-3 soph Tony Benford (6.7) rounding out the veteran guard contingent. New to this area are 6-4 JUCO transfer Phil Wallace and the frosh trio of 6-3 Mike Nelson, 6-4 Chase Brown and 6-5 James Dawn. Wallace is a certified skywalker who stuffed in 23.7 ppg his final JC year, while freshman Nelson earned Texas Class 5A All-State and scored 23.5 per game his final prep campaign.

Inside, Tech welcomes back its entire starting threesome of 6-5 junior small forward Vince Taylor (10.4/5.5), last year's only other double figure scorer besides Jennings, along with 6-9 junior power forward Quentin Anderson (7.9/4.9) and 6-10 soph center Ray Irvin (3.6/2.8). In a pinch, 6-6 guard Doda can also swing to the front line if needed, while this area also stands to benefit from the return of 6-9 junior Dwight Phillips, who was pulling starting duty last season through the first 12 games before being suspended because of team rules violations.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This should be a very different Tech roundball contingent from the 20-game loser of a year ago. Why not, with EVERYONE back and some good looking new recruits? Back into the ranks of the winning is where it appears the Raiders are headed in 1983-84, with a return to the SWC's first division also possible.

SMU (19-11)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Finger-tapping, that's probably what Mustang skipper Dave Bliss is doing as the 1983-84 college roundball season approaches. The reason Bliss is so anxious for the season to start is because not only does he welcome back four starters from last year's 19-win club, but also coming on board are three top-notch frosh recruits.

Spearheading what is one of the SWC's strongest front lines are 7-0 junior center Jon Koncak (14.6/9.4) and 6-7 junior forward Larry Davis (14.5/7.9), last year's 1-2 scorers and rebounders. Tops among the other vets returning on the inside are 6-5 soph swing man Carl Wright (7.7/3.3) and 6-7 senior Kirk Lundblade (0.1/0.3), with the lone newcomer to this area being 6-9 Terry Williams, a first team All-New York State pick his final prep year noted for his strong inside game.

Quarterbacking SMU's offense again will be 5-9 soph point guard Butch Moore (9.1/192 assists), last year's SWC assists leader and the league's "Freshman of the Year" last season. Experienced back line help will be provided by 6-5 senior Chuck Anderson (3.7), 6-4 junior Reginald Pink (2.4), 5-11 senior David Gadis (1.6) and 6-6 soph swing man Kevin Lewis (2.7).

The last of this year's Mustang frosh recruits are both guards, 6-1 Johnny Fuller and 6-4 Scott Johnson, twice selected as "player of the year" in the Idaho prep ranks.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Onward and upward appears to be the direction the Mustangs are headed following last year's fourth place SWC finish. As SMU skipper Bliss himself surmises, "Houston and Arkansas definitely appear to be the league favorites," to which GAMEPLAN agrees. But we'll also tell you that the Mustangs won't be far off the Houston-Arkansas beat.



Sophomore David Seitz grabs a rebound for Texas. The Longhorns are looking to bounce back from a dismal 1-15 mark against SWC rivals.

Texas (6-22)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

Last year marked one of the darkest hours in UT-Austin's basketball history, as the Longhorns plunged into the SWC basement with a horrendous 1-15 mark against league foes. But with all five starters back, the possibility that standout Mike Wacker's knee is 100 percent again and six promising frosh recruits coming on board, Longhorn cage skipper Bob Weltlich feels this year's team will be far more competitive.

Chief among the inside returnees is last year's team MVP, 6-7 senior Bill Wendlandt (15.3/6.5), while three other holdovers in this area who started games in 1982-83 are 6-4 junior Carlton Cooper (12.5/9.3), 6-5 senior Don Ellis (8.0/3.5 through 14 games before a broken wrist sidelined him) and 6-8 soph David Seitz (5.7/3.3). Three incoming frosh additions inside are 6-6 Dennis Perryman, a Texas prep all-stater from San Antonio's John Jay HS, 6-9 Raynard Davis and 6-8 Jerry Holmes.

Another Longhorn who missed the second half of 1982-83 due to injury, 6-3 soph Karl Willock (10.5), is fully mended and should have a lock on one guard spot. Battling for the other are 6-4 soph Mitch Parrish (3.0), who lettered as a swing man his frosh season, along with the just arriving frosh trio of 6-4 Marcus Bolden, also a Texas all-state prepster, and six-footers George Davis and Mike Hess.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Not so long ago among the SWC's ranking powers, lean times have come to Longhorn country lately. If, and it's one of those big IFs, Mike Wacker is 100 percent again and several of the newcomers live up to their advance billing, the 1983-84 'Horns should be able to up their victory total. But we doubt it will be above .500.

Texas A&M (17-14)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Graduation has cost the Aggies 1-2 scorers and NBA draftees Claude Riley and Tyren Nauls off last year's no-great-shakes ball club, which did win 17 games but couldn't duplicate the previous season's NIT appearance. In 1983-84, the Ags look to have an even steeper uphill climb to respectability.

A&M's top returnee and an All-SWC candidate is 6-3 senior guard Reggie Roberts (11.1/100 assists/60 steals), one of the conference's most intense competitors. Figuring to fill Nauls' shoes at the other back court spot is 6-4 soph Kenny Brown (9.6), who appeared in all 32 games his frosh season, while foremost of the experienced reserves in this area is 6-4 soph Doug Lee (4.9), newcomers out front include 6-2 JUCO transfer Darnell Williams along with frosh signee 6-5 Phil James and 6-1 Clint Thomas.

Up front, a pair of 6-9 sophomore lettermen, Jimmie Gilbert (6.2/5.8) and Roger Bock (1.2/0.7), will battle for the center spot. Gilbert was A&M's second best rebounder his yearling campaign. A good bet to start at one forward spot is 6-7 senior Lowell McHenry (5.7/2.8), while newcomers counted on for substantial inside contributions are 6-7 freshman Winston Crite along with 6-5 transfer Al Pulliam, coming to A&M after a stint in the U.S. Air Force.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite the presence of all-leaguers Riley and Nauls, the Aggies struggled to hit .500 most of last year and were shut out of post-season play. This time around, the Ags will have all they can do just to forge another winning record.

Rice (8-20)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Some high school teams must have taller starting front lines than last year's Owls, whose inside regulars measured 6-8, 6-5 and 6-3. Add in the fact star forward Kenny Austin became an academic victim at mid-year and guards Tyrone Washington and Teddy Johnson were suspended for team rules violations, and it's easy to see why Coach Tommy Suits' team took it on the chin 20 times last season.

The return in good graces of Washington and Johnson deepens an Owl back court already numbering the two players who were starting here at the end of the 1982-83 campaign, 6-4 junior Tracy Steele (6.4) and 6-1 soph Ivan Pettit (6.7). One other letter-winning holdover in this area is 6-4 soph swing man Tom Miller while a freshman addition is 6-3 Gregory Hines.

Inside, foremost of the veteran holdovers is last year's second highest scorer, 6-8 junior Tony Barnett (7.6/5.5), while three more inside returnees who earned 1982-83 monograms are 6-7 senior Mike Cunningham (4.9/3.3), 6-7 soph Terrence Cashaw (2.3/1.6) and 6-5 junior John Witten (1.1/0.9). Newcomers to this area, both of whom fall under the freshman heading, are 6-8 Steve Brooks, 6-7 Eric Etchison and 6-6 Gary McGuire. Rice, however, will again this season have one of the SWC's smallest front lines and in basketball, losing the battle of the backboards more often than not means losing games, too.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: One has to go back over 10 years to discover the last time the Owls has a winning hardwood record and since 1972, Rice has suffered through six 20 or more defeats a year seasons. This year, 20 losses could again be unavoidable for the Owls.

TCU (23-11)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Avg.

Coach Jim Killingsworth will be hauling his "Killer Frogs" into drydock for overhaul and this club doesn't figure to ribbit nearly as loud with All-SWC picks Darrell Browder, Doug Arnold and four others of last year's top seven scorers having graduated. Browder, Arnold and company sparked the 1982-83 Frogs to the school's second best ever won-lost mark and into the NIT's quarter-finals, but R-E-B-U-I-L-D is the theme down Fort Worth way this season.

The lone holdover with starting experience is 6-1 junior guard Dennis Nutt (5.8), so expect immediate time from an in-

coming cast including 6-3 JUCO transfer Tracy Mitchell and the frosh threesome of 6-5 Carven Holcombe, 6-3 Mike Blair and 5-11 Scott Brooks. The most touted of the new backliners are Mitchell out of perennial JUCO power Saddleback JC, and Texas prep all-stater Holcombe from Houston's Yates HS.

Holcombe's scholastic teammate at Yates, 6-7 Keldred Martin, is also new to TCU's front line, as is 6-11 North Texas State transfer Greg Grissom. The husky 245-pound Grissom is the probable key to strong play inside, where in the way of vets the Frogs return the letter-winning soph threesome of 6-7 Tom Mortimer (1.7/1.6), 6-9 Paul Kapturkiewicz (1.9/1.9) and 6-10 Tom Papa (2.3/2.2).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's simply not logical to expect another strong TCU hardwood aggregation in 1983-84, not when one considers all the Frogs lost to graduation. Second division in the SWC is where this year's toned-down "Killer Frogs" are more likely to finish.

Baylor (12-16)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Avg.

With Terry Teagle no longer around to do this, that and everything, last year's Bears slumped to 12-16 and this season could be another sub-par one for Coach Jim Haller's forces since graduation has claimed three of Baylor's top four scorers. Haller is hopeful, however, that what he and his staff have recruited in the way of newcomers will help his team get squared away in 1983-84.

Foremost of the new recruits is 6-11 JUCO transfer Paul Kuiper, who should give the Bears' front line something it hasn't had in awhile -- **HEIGHT!** Also coming on board via the JC pipeline are 6-6 James Malone and 6-8 Michael Tate, while this year's freshman class contains 6-7 Jody Reeves, the top scorer (26 ppg) in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and 6-7 Sean Jones. The veteran inside cupboard contains three players who started 1982-83 games, 6-7 junior David Glover (6.3/3.9), 6-4 senior Glen Mays (6.0/3.4) and 6-8 senior Mike Heller (2.8/2.6).

Out front, the Bears return two vets with starting savvy in



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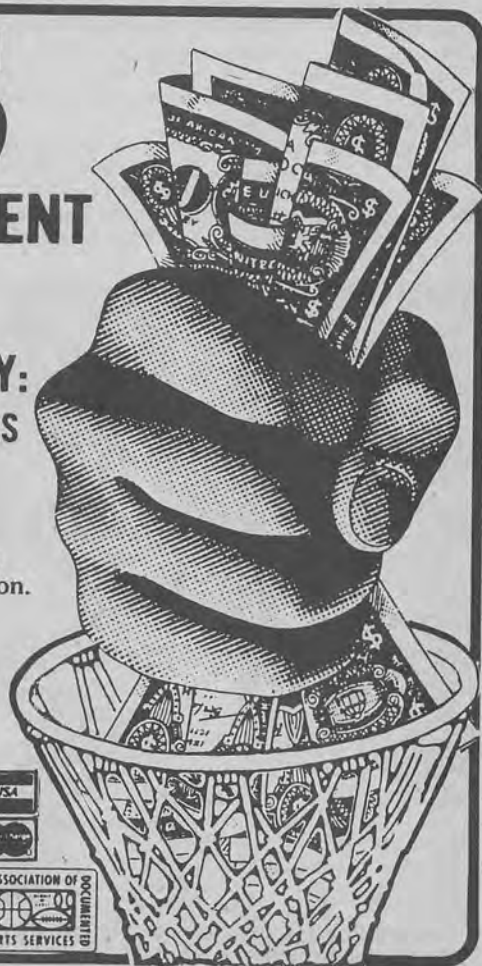
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5-11 junior James Stern (9.5), last year's third highest scorer and a starter in 23 of 26 games, along with 6-4 soph Gary Heyland (2.4). New guard prospects, both frosh signees, are 6-5 Dwayne Brown and 6-3 Dave Reichert. Brown, voted player of the year in the D-FW Metroplex, was also chosen to the Dallas Times Herald SWC Coaches' Top 5 Blue Chip Team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Bears streaked to a 6-0 start but went slowly and steadily downhill from there. Newcomers, and especially JC giant Kulper and great shooting frosh guard Brown, will hold the keys to improvement in 1983-84, but we frankly don't see the Bears faring a whole lot better than a year ago.

Southland

Lamar (23-8)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

The Cardinals have won 20 or more games the past five years running, and more of the same should be on tap for the 1983-84 campaign. But Lamar skipper Pat Foster, 70-20 entering his fourth year as Cardinal hardwood mentor, sees a wide open race for this year's SLC title. "We're going to be playing a tough schedule," notes Foster, "and we're not the only folks in our league who figure to have a good team."

Lamar's strength is the solid back court play of 6-5 senior Tom Sewell (18.6), top scorer and an All-SLC pick last season, and 6-2 senior Lamont Robinson (7.7/11.2 assists), who should move right into the graduated Brian Kellybrew's point guard spot. Newcomers to the back line are a trio of JUCO transfers, 6-5ers Jerry Everett, Donald Warnell and 6-1 Tony Kellybrew, along with the frosh threesome of 6-5 Karl McCauley, 6-2 James Nance and 6-4 Darrin Sublet.

The up front bulwarks for the Redbirds are 6-6 senior and four-year forward regular Kenneth Perkins (11.8/6.9) and 6-9 senior center Randy Gray (7.2/6.8), last year's 1-2 rebounders. Lettermen after the third starting spot are 6-5 senior George Milhouse, 6-5 soph Wayne McKinney and 6-10 senior Brad Olson, but all may be vaulted over by heralded 6-9 incoming freshman Anthony Todd, who averaged 26.5 points and 14.5 rebounds his final prep year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cardinals face a tough schedule (e.g., at Wichita State, appearances in the Cougar Classic and Evansville Tournament) before even getting into SLC play, but this is another strong Lamar team Pat Foster has. Twenty victories again seems to be a realistic goal for the 1983-84 Redbirds.



Lamont Robinson dished out 112 assists last year for the Lamar Cardinals.

McNeese State (16-13)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

There's a sense of excited anticipation in Lake Charles, where Cowboy skipper Glenn Duhon prepares a veteran-heavy MSU squad for the coming college roundball campaign. Back for more action are almost all the key players from last year's SLC third place finisher, led by superb 6-3 junior guard Joe Dumars (19.6), already a two-time all-league pick.

Dumars' experienced helpmates on the back line include 6-3 junior Guy McInnis (9.4) and 5-11 senior David Green (2.4), who has a school career record 443 assists entering his final year. Expected to have an immediate impact in this area is 6-1 freshman Ronald Sykes, selected the MVP at the Dave Bones Blue-Chip Basketball Camp in Louisville.

Returning intact is MSU's starting front line of 6-8 junior center Chris Hardin (8.1/7.4) and the soph forward tandem of 6-7 Kenny Jimerson (11.0/2.3) and 6-5 Ronald Cox (7.2/5.0). Best of the battle-tested reserves on the inside is 6-9 soph Joe Green (2.9/2.8), while two newcomers to keep an eye on are 6-6 freshman George Kearse, a transfer from South Alabama, and 6-7 JC product Nathan Givens.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There could be no denying the Indians in this year's SLC race, as this team has the potential to be the best in Coach Duhon's seven seasons in Lake Charles. A first division league finish is the least we see for MSU in 1983-84, while an SLC cage title is also a good possibility.

Louisiana Tech (19-9)

Starters Returning—5 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

This could be the "Year of the Bulldog" in the SLC as Andy Russo, the league's coach of the year in 1982-83, welcomes back Tech's top eight scorers, led by superb sophomore center/forward Karl Malone. A year ago, Malone became the first SLC player ever to win both "Newcomer of the Year" and league MVP honors in the same season.

The 6-9 Malone (20.9/10.3) is the mainstay in a front line that also returns for starting duties 6-10 junior Willie Simmons (9.6/5.3) and 6-4 senior Rennie Bailey (8.5/3.8), while two other holdovers with starting experience are 6-6 senior Ken Roberson (5.0/2.9) and 6-7 senior Ronnie Spivey (4.2/2.7). Two freshman recruits here are 6-6 Robert Godbolt and 6-5 swing man Derrick Kearney.

Out front, the 'Dogs return for starting guard duties 6-2 junior Alan Davis (9.1) and 6-4 soph point man Wayne Smith (5.6/12.6 assists), while 6-1 soph Tony Dawson (2.7) offers battle-tested support. New on the scene are 6-1 transfer Adam Frank, voted MVP in last year's Oklahoma JUCO tournament, along with 6-3 freshman Roderick Hannibal.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Twenty wins seems the least to expect from this year's deep, talented Bulldogs who follow the lead of perhaps the SLC's premier all-time player in soph sensation Malone. Most definitely, too, put down the 'Dogs as top contenders for the 1983-84 SLC hardwood crown.

Northeast Louisiana (14-14)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Lost in the stampede, that's where Indian chieftain Mike Vining is afraid his team will be in this year's Southland cage race. "We have a lot of experience coming back and we should be better," says Vining before hastening to add: "But most of the other teams in the conference lost even less than we did, so they're all going to be better, too."

NLU's top hand is 6-9 senior forward Terry Martin (15.1/8.1), who heads a front line returning both other starters in seniors 6-5 Bruce Williams (11.1/5.4) and 6-7 Gerald Morris (11.7/4.0). Foremost of a skimpy veteran backup crew in this area is 6-7 soph Gerard Phillips (2.9/2.5), so immediate help is expected from 6-6 JUCO transfer David Roques and the 6-6 frosh duo of Maurice Barr and Leslie Aaron.

Setting the Indian offensive tempo again will be 5-10 senior point guard Bobby Joe Douglas (9.8/11.6 assists), while a pair of 6-3 soph lettermen hot after the spot vacated by No. 2 scorer Vernon Butler's graduation are Elgin James (3.6) and Arthur Hayes (3.2). Via the JUCO ranks comes 6-2 David Candilora



Louisiana Tech's Karl Malone (32) plays defense as well as scoring. Last year's Southland Conference MVP, Malone posted 20.9 points a game while pulling down 10 rebounds.

with the frosh guard class best represented by 6-3 Sean Paulfrey, a 27.8 ppg scorer and Louisiana quad-A all-state choice his final prep year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Mike Vining of the Indians is right on two counts -- yes, this does figure to be one helluva SLC title race coming up. And yes also, Vining's NIU roundballers have the experience to hang tough with the cream of the SLC 1983-84 crops.

North Texas State (15-15)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Guardedly, that's how new NTSU skipper Tommy Newman approaches his first year in Denton. For not only has graduation taken away 24.3 ppg scorer Kenneth Lyons at forward, but also missing are last year's three most active guards.

The most experienced of the back line holdovers is 6-0 senior Mookie Smith (1.7), while the most touted of the newcomers to this area are 5-11 freshman Lawrence Hudson and 6-3 JUCO transfer Andre Boutte. Hudson led perennial prep power Fort Worth Dunbar HS to a 33-3 record and was chosen Tarrant County "Player of the Year" by the Fort Worth Star Telegram. This is still, however, a very thin guard corps.

Up front, the top returnees are 7-0 senior center John Hor-

rocks (10.1/8.5), who will be eligible only until next January 20, along with the senior quartet of 6-5ers Robert Lewis (7.1/5.4), Javan Dupree (4.3/3.1), 6-7 John Gales (4.0/2.4) and 6-9 Tony Macalik (4.5/4.1). Newcomers along the base line are 6-5 JUCO product Vincent Greene and the frosh duo of 6-5 Steve Salter and 6-9 Paul Elkjer.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Everything points to a l-o-o-o-ng year for NTSU rookie mentor Newman, who inherits a team devoid all of its top guards as well as front line bulwark Lyons. D-eee-p, too, in the SLC's second division is also therefore where we expect the 1983-84 Mean Green cagers to end up.

Texas-Arlington (9-19)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

With no truly dominant big man yet in tow, the Mavs of 1983-84 will have to go with either a three-forward or three-guard starting lineup and that has Coach "Snake" LeGrand in a tizzy. "That's going to be our biggest problem," comments Snake, "deciding which five to start."

In the front line, should the Mavs opt for the three-forward look, the starters would be 6-6 junior Sam Norton (13.3/6.5), 6-7 junior Dennis Kwiecinski (5.7/4.4) and 6-7 junior Andre Allen (4.6/3.0). A pair of tall timber frosh additions to this area who'll probably take time to develop are 6-8 Frank Dyer and 6-9 Bill Killough, while a third incoming freshman, 6-5 Ike Mitchell, will swing between forward and guard.

Should Coach LeGrand go, instead, with a three-man back court starting lineup, the guard regulars would be 6-2 senior Danny Johnson (16.1), 6-3 senior Charles Harris (11.0) and 5-6 soph point man Ronell Peters (4.6/13.5 assists). In addition to swing man Price, frosh back line recruits are 6-5 Anthony Texas and 6-1 Danny Wojciak.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Mavs appear better than last year's 19-game loser, but improved only to a certain degree. Look for this year's UT-Arlington cagers to forge out a better record, maybe even a plus .500 finish, which might vault them into the SLC's first division.

Arkansas State (17-12)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Avg.**

Graduation has claimed three regulars off last year's 17-12 ASU squad, the school's best hardwood showing in over a decade, and Indian mentor Marvin Adams sees difficulty ahead because of those losses. "We feel we have some excellent talent, but it always takes time to mesh new talent into a cohesive unit," comments Adams. "We're keeping our fingers crossed that all this talent will fit together -- in a hurry."

Foremost of the holdovers is 5-11 senior point guard Jay Hansen, who led last year's club in scoring (13.0), assists (131), steals (39) and free throw shooting percentage (.756). Vying for the other back court berth are 6-1 junior Todd Cooper, who red-shirted in 1982-83, along with the JUCO transfer threesome of 6-5 Theo Hawkins, 6-3 Marchie Murdock and 6-4 Mickey Penosky.

Up front, ASU's lone returning regular is 6-8 senior forward Scott Horrell (8.6/5.0), while lettermen back in this area are 6-5 senior Mark Priest (5.9), 6-4 junior Troy Taylor (4.7) and 6-5 soph Curtis Harrell (1.2). Once again, JUCO products will be looked to for immediate help here, with those transfers being 6-8 Dwayne Harris and 6-6 Marvin Stevens.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With all that graduation has cost them, it's tough to see this year's Indians approaching last season's success. Led by point guard Hansen, one of the nation's finest players under six feet, the 1983-84 ASU cagers loom as more of a spoiler than a solid contender in the SLC title race.

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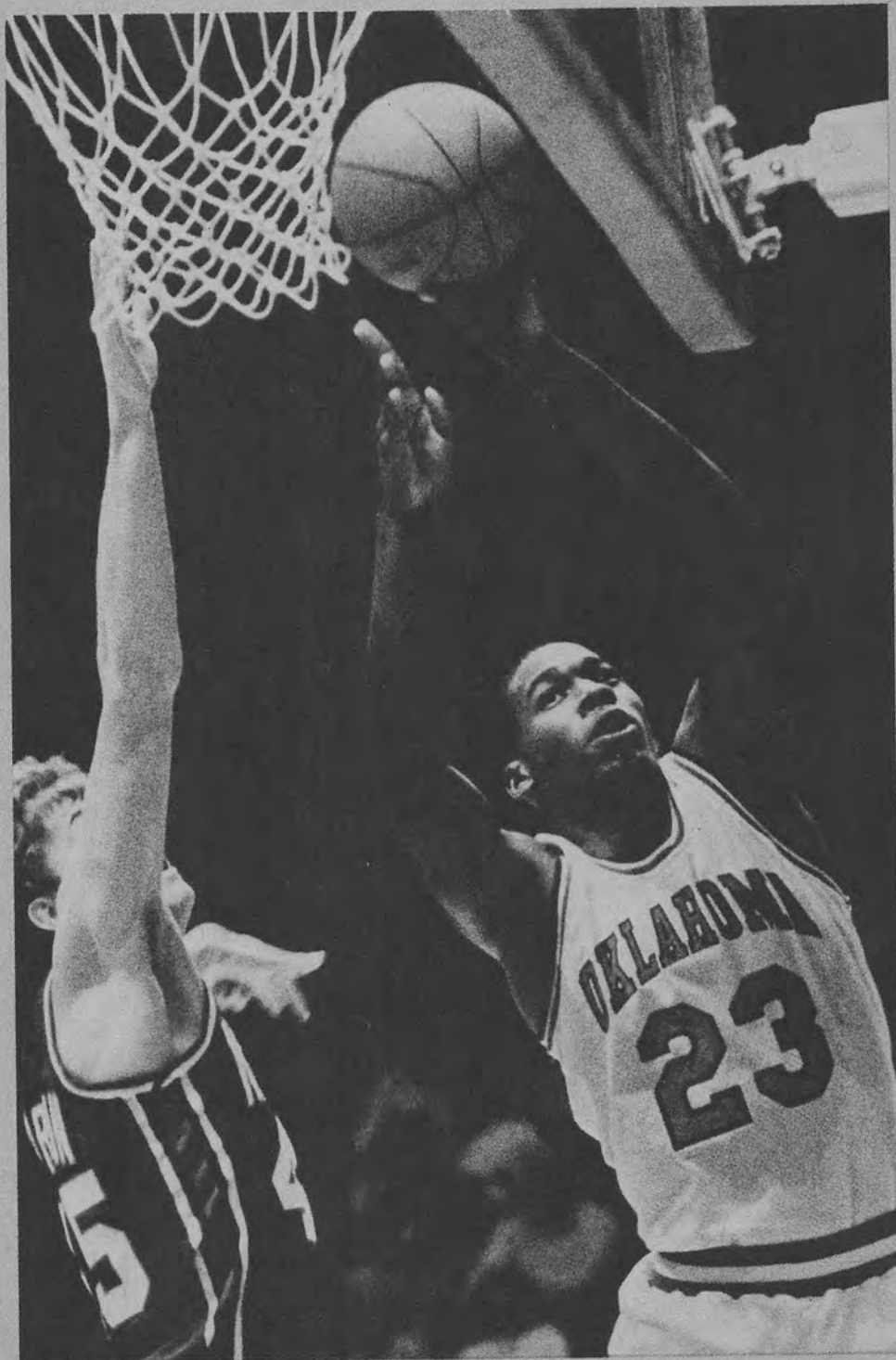
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The key to Oklahoma's success this season is spelled "Wayman Tisdale," whose fantastic frosh season stats read like this: 24.5 ppg, 10.3 rebounds, 82 shot rejections and a 58 percent field goal shooting average.



Big Eight

Oklahoma (24-9)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Above Avg.

Seldom in the history of major college basketball has a player exploded on the scene like OU's superlative 6-9 Wayman Tisdale did in 1983-84. Score, rebound, defend -- you name it, Tisdale can do it. His frosh season stats bordered on the mind boggling: 24.5 ppg, 10.3 rpg, 58.0 field goal shooting and just for good measure, 82 blocked shots. Only a sophomore, Wayman Tisdale is already "The Franchise" in Norman.

Trouble is, though, outside of mighty Wayman nary another regular returns from last year's NCAA Tourney invitee, but fear not! Coach Billy Tubbs has enjoyed himself orfe hellacious recruiting year which in the way of help for Wayman in the front line numbers the frosh quintet of 6-8 David Johnson, 6-5 Darryl Kennedy, 6-6 Calvin Pierce, 6-10 Joe Seager, 6-7 Dave Sieger and 6-7 Chuck Watson. Many regarded Johnson, from Kansas, and Kennedy, a native Oklahoman, as the best prep prospects in their respective states. Tops among the other returning front line vets are 6-8 senior Calvin Pierce (5.8/4.5) and 6-8 soph Jerome Johnson (1.6/2.2).

Major overhaul is also needed in OU's back line, where the lone holdovers with so much as letter-winning savvy are 6-1 senior Jan Pannell (4.9), 6-3 soph Shawn Clark (3.1), 6-4 soph William Tisdale (1.4), Wayman's older brother, and 6-4 senior Don Gandy (1.0). To the rescue -- ta-da! -- comes the heralded frosh guard duo of 6-2 Tim McCallister, an Indiana prep all-stater, and 6-0 Mark Wade. One scout described McCallister as "a Quinn Buckner who can shoot."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: How can you not like a team blessed with the Superman likes of Wayman Tisdale! Granted, Coach Tubbs has plenty of holes to fill elsewhere on this team, but another banner recruiting harvest, a handful of solid vets and Wondrous Wayman should add up to another first division Big Eight finish and post-season tourney appearance for the 1983-84 Sooners.

Nebraska (22-10)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Not since the bygone era when there was a jump ball after every basket scored have the Huskers enjoyed a season like last year, when they tied the school record for victories and reached the NIT's semifinals. Lost from that stellar club are two regulars and several key backups, but Coach Moe Iba's fourth edition of Huskers will be led by one of the nation's finest young centers in Dave Hoppen.

Hoppen, a 6-11 soph, scored at a 13.9 rate and cleared an average of 5.0 rpg his frosh season and should be an even more dominant figure underneath the hoop in years to come. Set once more at the small forward spot is 6-4 senior Stan Cloudy (11.7/4.9/team high 106 assists), while 6-6 soph John Matzke returns after redshirting last year. New front line recruits are led by JUCO transfers 6-4 Curtis Moore, a second team JC All-American who'll swing between forward and guard, 6-9 Ron Smith along with 6-7 freshman Keith Neubert. Also raring to go after redshirting in 1982-83 is the frosh duo of 6-7 James Moore and 6-6 Mike Martz.

Out front, the Huskers welcome back for full-time duty 5-10 senior David Ponce (8.1/10.1 assists), while 6-2 senior Eric Williams (4.2) has a bead on the vacant back line berth. Newly minted Cornhusker guard prospects, both freshmen, are 6-1 Brian Carr and 6-5 Titus Dock. Look for veteran Cloudy and heralded JC transfer Moore to also see big guard duties.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Moe Iba has been consistently successful during his short stint as head cage coach in Lincoln, where Husker fans set school attendance records at last year's games. The Bob Devaney Sports Center figures to be packed again this season, too, since the 1983-84 Cornhuskers look full well capable of another 20-win campaign.

Kansas (13-16)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Above Avg.

Larry Brown's the name and aggressive, winning basketball is his game. Brown, whose head coaching background ranges from a brief stint at UCLA all the way back to his days as skipper of the defunct ABA's Carolina Cougars, has arrived as new cage boss in Lawrence -- arriving, though, at a time when the Jayhawks are coming off what is for them very rare back-to-back losing seasons.

The deepest position for the Jayhawks figures to be forward, where expected to share time on a fairly equal basis are 6-8 senior Kelly Knight (12.3/7.2) and the soph duo of 6-8 Kerry Boagni (14.1/4.7) and 6-6 Calvin Thompson (7.9/3.4). Knight was too often in over his head as last year's starting center, but he'll now be able to confine himself to more natural forward duties since the pivot spot has been reserved for 7-1 Wichita State transfer Greg Dreiling, who two years ago as a frosh semi-regular with the Shockers had averages of 8.1 points and 4.2 rebounds. The 240-pound Dreiling will give the Jayhawks the dominating big man they haven't had in awhile. One other letter-winning returnee inside is 6-9 senior Brian Martin (3.7/4.0), while a pair of freshmen additions to this area are 6-8 Jim Pelton and 6-8 Chris Piper, although Coach Brown is contemplating redshirting Piper this year.

All-America guard candidate Carl Henry (17.4), a 6-6 senior who also snatched down 6.4 boards per game last season, heads what should be a strong Jayhawk back court. At the point guard spot, 6-1 soph Jeff Guilot (3.7) and 6-4 junior Tad Boyle (3.1) figure to rotate again after finishing 1-2 in assists a year ago with respective totals of 84 and 82, while 6-5 soph Ron Kellogg (3.9) will again backstop Henry at shooting guard. Freshmen additions to the back court are 6-0 Cedric Hunter and 5-10 Mark Turgeon. Hunter led Nebraska's prep ranks in scoring the past two years but did so while playing center, so it's bound to take him some time to adjust to guard as a collegian.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The last two seasons have not been enjoyable ones for KU cage supporters, accustomed as they'd become to strong, often nationally ranked Jayhawk teams. New skipper Larry Brown should get things turned around well enough to lead KU back to the ranks of the winning at least in 1983-84, but unless the still relatively youthful Jayhawks can gell as a cohesive unit, a first division Big Eight finish may be too difficult a task.

Iowa State (13-15)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

Pass the nails, Cyclone skipper Johnny Orr is asking, as he points with great optimism toward what will be his fourth year at the ISU helm. "On paper, we have a very good team," opines Orr. "We've been building the foundation in the past -- now we're ready to put the roof on it."

ISU's main honcho is 6-5 junior forward Barry Stevens (16.8/5.2), tops on the squad last year in scoring and rebounding, while three other front line returnees with starting savvy are 6-6 junior Raynal Harris (5.4/4.2), 6-8 soph David Moss (3.0/2.9) and 6-5 junior Tom Peterson (2.2/2.3). Two players who came to Ames last year but didn't play and thus still retain freshman eligibility, 7-1 Brad Dudek and 6-8 Sam Hill, are out to fill the pivot spot vacated by the graduation of Ron Falenschek while this year's frosh recruiting hunt yielded 6-9 John Culbertson and 6-8 Lafester Rhodes.

Answering the starting back court call again will be the senior duo of 6-3 Ron Harris (14.3), one of College Basketball's premier defenders, and 6-0 Terrence Allen (10.2). Veteran support for them will come from 5-11 junior Paul Beene and the 6-4 soph pair of Ted Burbach and Ron Virgil. No new guard recruits were added so it's apparent Coach Orr was satisfied with the performers already on hand in this area.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cyclones have steadily improved under Johnny Orr, and there should be no denying ISU

a winning record in 1983-84. In fact, look for this club to play a key role in the battle for the Big Eight title.

Missouri (26-8)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Tigers have lost high NBA draft picks Steve Stipanovich and Jon Sunvold, and with them went nearly 40 points per game. But Coach Norm Stewart seems only moderately worried, commenting: "We can still be a pretty good team." And that, the 1983-84 Mizzou cagers should be, too.

Up front, both starting forwards return in 6-9 junior Greg Cavener (10.8/8.6) and 6-4 senior Ron Jones (7.1/3.9), both of whom shot better than 58 percent from the field last season. Lettermen holding over in this area are 6-8 junior Mark Sparks (3.2/1.0) and 6-6 junior Dwight Moody (2.2/1.6). There are four new inside recruits starting with JUCO transfers 6-7 Malcolm Thomas, last season's JC "player of the year," and 6-10 Blake Wortham along with the frosh duo of 6-7 Jeff Nolan and 6-5 Cecil Estes.

Missouri's point guard duties will again be handled by 6-2 senior Prince Bridges (6.2/58 assists), who was bothered all last season by a foot injury and as a result appeared in only 25 contests. The previous season, Bridges handed out 102 assists and the Tigers need him at top form with Sunvold missing in the back court. After Sunvold's old spot is 6-2 soph Billy Roundtree (1.4), the state of Missouri's all-time highest prep scorer. New guard recruits, both freshmen, are 6-5 Ted Mimplitz and 6-2 Tony McDuffie. Mimplitz and Tiger frosh forward Estes were widely regarded as the top two prep prospects in the Show Me state.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There can be no disputing that the dual loss of Stipanovich and Sunvold will hurt the Tigers, but as Coach Stewart says -- this will be another good Mizzou hardwood squad. Led by forward Cavener, one of the Big Eight's premier front line players, and point man Bridges (if he's 100 percent again), look for the 1983-84 Tigers to forge a first division league finish. But another Big Eight title? Probably not.

Colorado (13-15)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Like a plague of locusts, graduation has swept most Big Eight schools, and Colorado skipper Tom Apke for one feels this year's race for the league title will be a wide open, ding-dong dandy of a scramble. "I think it will be the most unpredictable Big Eight race in years," says Apke on the dawn of the 1983-84 college hardwood season. "I don't know if there is a favorite -- certainly none in my mind."

Trying to lead the Buffs to the top of the league -- and, yes, it could happen! -- is 6-3 senior guard standout Jay Humphries (14.3/17.4 assists/115 steals), an All-American candidate who does it all at both ends of the floor. All but assured of nailing down the other guard spot is 6-4 junior Tony Pruitt, a transfer via Creighton where Apke formerly coached, while a trio of freshmen back court hopefuls are 6-4 Brad Davis, 6-3 Darren Dunlap and 6-4 Michael Lee. The most touted of those frosh signees is Lee, a Nevada prep all-stater who reaped McDonald All-America honors his final scholastic year.

Up front, the Buffs return two-thirds of their starting crew in 6-7 senior forward Vince Kelley (11.7/9.1), the Big Eight's second most prolific rebounder last season, along with 6-9 soph center Randy Downs (11.9/4.5). Yet another Creighton transfer, 6-7 junior Alex Stivrins, has a bead on the vacant forward spot, while two other new inside additions are 6-6 JUCO product Barry Anderson and 6-7 freshman Brian Cunningham. "We still don't have a seven-foot power center so we're still going to have to scrap and battle against the good, big players in the league," comments Coach Apke, doubtless with an eye on Oklahoma's sensational Wayman Tisdale and 7-0 Dave Hoppen of Nebraska.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: True enough, the 1983-84 Buffs will not have a truly dominant big man, but otherwise this is a club full well capable of forging out a first division Big Eight finish. Led by do-it-all guard Humphries and board pounding frontliner Kelley, this year's CU cagers have the wherewithall to not only finish in the league's upper echelons, but also play a prominent role in the Big Eight title chase.



All-American hopeful Jay Humphries posted 115 steals last year to go along with a 14.3 scoring average and 17.4 assists for Colorado.

Oklahoma State (24-7)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Seldom in the school's roundball history has a Cowboy team ridden so tall in the saddle as last year's 24-win, NCAA Tournament team. But Coach Paul Hansen's 1983-84 cagers, minus last year's top three scorers, seem more in danger of being brought back into Stillwater slung over their saddles!

Forward play will be OSU's strength this season, since vets returning in the corners are 6-7 senior Raymond Crenshaw (12.5/7.2), as good a defensive forward as there is in the nation, 6-6 junior Charles Williams (6.2/3.3) and 6-7 soph Joe Atkinson, who was averaging 12.8 points and 9.2 boards before breaking his right wrist in game No. 4 and sitting out the remainder of the season. The probable key to solid front line play is how well rugged 6-9 transfer John Nielson fills All-Big 8 Leroy Combs' very large pivot shoes, while a second newcomer to this area is 6-9 freshman Shawn Baker.

How does one go about replacing Lorenza Andrews and Matt Clark, their combined 30.2 ppg and 326 total assists in OSU's back court? Simply put, you don't unless you're a certified miracle worker! Veteran backliners are 6-3 junior Bill Self (5.7), a starter eight times last season, 6-5 soph David Taylor (1.2) and 6-3 soph Mitch Jones (0.9). Incoming guard prospects are 5-10 JUCO transfer Winfred Case and 6-4 freshman Dion Campbell.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: What with Combs missing at center and Andrews plus Clark gone from the back line, one has to expect a weaker 1983-84 Cowboy team. Forward standouts Crenshaw and, if he's 100 percent again, Atkinson will lead this club to another winning record, but OSU will have to go some to finish in the Big 8's first division again.

Kansas State (12-16)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Last season marked only the second time in the 13 years

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Jack Hartman has been running the cage show in Manhattan that the Wildcats finished under .500. Getting back on the winning track in 1983-84 won't be easy, either, since inexperience figures to again plague a K-State team that has not a single senior on its roster with so much as letter-winning experience.

On the front line, graduation claimed top scorer, rebounder and NBA draftee Les Craft at center, but the 'Cats return both forward regulars in 6-9 junior Eddie Elder (8.7/5.1), runnerup in both point-making and board sweeping, and 6-5 soph Tyrone Jackson (4.7/4.1). Lettermen after the third starting inside berth are 6-6 junior Lafayette Watkins (4.6/2.8), looking to rebound from a so-so sophomore campaign, and the soph duo of 6-8 Ben Mitchell (3.1/2.6) and 6-7 Parker Laketa (4.4/1.5), while 6-8 Alex Williams is ready to go and still retaining freshman eligibility after redshirting last season. This year's lone new front line recruit is 6-7 JUCO transfer Tom Alfaro.

Heading KSU's back court contingent despite his relative youth is 6-3 soph Jim Roder (6.5), who set a school frosh field goal shooting percentage record (54.8) a year ago. Monogram winners also returning out front are 6-0 soph Jonas Cody (3.9) and 6-3 junior Kenny Williams (0.6), with 6-3 Eric Watson coming on board via the JUCO ranks. Watson is a dangerous offensive threat with an impressive 40-inch vertical jump.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: All indicators point to the strong possibility of another losing record for the 1983-84 Wildcats who lack overall experience, but perhaps worse yet; real inside size and muscle. So, if the 'Cats want to get back into the black ink victory-wise this season, they'll have to play both older and bigger than they actually are and that's -- if you'll pardon the pun -- a mighty tall order.

The Valley

Wichita State (25-3)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Probation denied the past two editions of Shocker basketballers from certain trips to the NCAA Tournament. But that probation is over now, and with that extra incentive and a handful of standouts returning from last year's MVC title team, Coach Gene Smithson's 1983-84 Shockers appear most assuredly headed for post-season action.

Despite the graduation of All-American and first round NBA draftee Antoine Carr at power forward, WSU should again have a strong front line. Leading the way will be 6-7 junior Xavier McDaniel (18.8/14.1), last year's Division 1-A national rebounding leader, and 6-10 senior holdover pivot regular Zarko Durisic (8.5/6.4). Ninety-nine percent certain of landing the third starting front line spot is improving 6-6 junior Karl Papke (8.2/4.3), while freshmen additions to this area are 6-8 Marcellus Graves, who actually came to WSU last year but sat out to get his grades up to muster; 6-7 Gus Santos, 6-10 Tom Kosich and 6-9 Henry Carr, younger brother of Antoine Carr.

WSU also has a genuine A-A prospect heading its back court in 6-4 junior Aubrey Sherrod (15.3/91 assists), with the point guard spot vacated by the graduation of James Gibbs reserved for 6-2 soph Bernard Jackson (4.9/89 assists). Off the bench, best of the Shocker guard vets are 6-3 soph Gary Cundiff (2.3) and 6-4 soph Gilbert Wilburn (3.2), while newly arrived to the back line is 5-11 freshman Mike Arline.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With NCAA probation no longer hanging over them, and all that Gene Smithson has going for him in the way of Class-A personnel, this year's Shockers have a good shot at extending their MVC title reign to three. And come NCAA Tourney time, the 1983-84 Wichita State cagers will be there!

Tulsa (19-12)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

With four starters, 86 percent of the scoring and 83 percent of the rebounding back, Coach Nolan Richardson has to be approaching this season with a certain amount of optimism. The show pieces for UT are guard Steve Harris and swing man Ricky Ross, co-leaders in scoring last season at 18.5 ppg.

Harris, a 6-5 junior, made first team All-MVC last season as

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Wichita State's Xavier McDaniel (32) ripped down 14.1 caroms per game last winter, the top rebounding statistic in Division 1-A.

he led the Golden Hurricane in steals (68) and free throw percentage (87.4) while also setting a school sophomore scoring record. Set once more at the point guard spot is 6-2 senior Mike Smith (6.3/125 assists), but depth in this area will for the most part come from the frosh duo of 6-3 Byron Boudreaux and 6-0 Steve Kennedy.

Ross, a 6-7 senior who actually is best classified as a small forward, in addition to tying for the team lead in scoring also cleared a club high 5.6 boards per game. Three other inside holdovers who saw starting 1982-83 duty are 6-10 senior Bruce Vanley (9.2/4.7), looking to bounce back from an up-and-down season, 6-10 junior Herbert Johnson (9.2/4.8), 6-6 junior Vince Williams (2.9/2.4), the team's top defensive player, and 6-9 soph Jeff Rahilly (3.2/1.3). Four freshmen up front recruits are Jeff Rahilly's younger brother, 6-11 Brian Rahilly, 6-5 Carlton McKinney, 6-9 Anthony Fobbs and 6-7 David Moss. McKinney, a two-time Texas all-state prepster, was widely regarded as the No. 2 prospect in that state.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Amazingly, Nolan Richardson was the very first coach in NCAA history to win 50 games in his first two years, and entering what is now his fourth year at UT, Richardson has another classy team to throw at opponents. Anticipate that the 1982-83 Golden Hurricane will again run up an impressive won-lost mark, finish in The Valley's first division and return to post-season action. But then, such has become S.O.P. under Nolan Richardson, right?

Bradley (16-13)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Sometimes winning a championship can come back to haunt a team, such as it did last year's Braves, fresh from an NIT title winning season. "Everywhere we went, we were billed not as 'the Bradley Braves coming to town' but as the 'NIT champion Bradley Braves,'" says Coach Dick Versace of

1982-83. "When we lost, it made other people's season. It was a real burden for us."

The probable key to a more solid overall Bradley team is getting consistent game-to-game play from a veteran front line cast led by 6-8 junior Vaise Winters (15.4/6.3), 6-4 senior Roosevelt Davison (9.1/4.8), 6-8 junior Anthony Webster (8.6/4.7), 6-5 senior Booker Johnson (7.8/4.2) and 6-6 senior Pat Marshall (3.8/1.5). Two new additions to Bradley's inside lineup are 6-8 senior-eligible Bobby Gray, a transfer from Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, and 6-8 freshman Bruce Mordini.

Graduation cut a wide swath through the Braves' back court, claiming among others NBA draftee Barney Mines and leaving as the only experienced guards 5-11 senior Melvin Harden (1.1) and 6-4 soph Greg Willie (1.5). But between them, Harden and Willie appeared in only 20 games last season. Therefore, newcomers who almost have to help right away are 5-11 soph Jim Les, a Cleveland State transfer, 6-0 JUCO product Nolan Gibson and 6-5 freshman Eric Johnson, the latter an Illinois prep all-stater.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Hit by massive graduation losses from their NIT championship team of two years ago, last season's Braves slipped as expected. The 1983-84 Bradley bunch should be better, but we can't honestly see this club as an MVC title contender.

Indiana State (9-19)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

As was the case last season when they scored 84.3 ppg, the tenth best national average, putting the ball in the hole should be no problem this year either for the Sycamores. But unless skipper Dave Schellhase can put a lot more "D" in an ISU defense that allowed 88.4 ppg in 1982-83, his Sycamores could again be headed for the MVC's second division.

At the head of the ISU point parade is 6-5 soph forward John Sherman Williams (18.6/5.6), voted the league's "Newcomer of the Year" last season, while other experienced front line holdovers are 6-8 senior Mark Golden (15.6/5.8), 6-9 senior Terry Braun (2.3/1.7) and 6-4 soph Jeff McComb (2.7/2.9). Newcomers to this area are 6-10, 250-pound JUCO transfer Stanley Wright, a second team JC All-American projected as ISU's immediate pivot regular, along with the frosh duo of 6-10 Kent Marshall and 6-9 Steve Wiegel, a two-time West Virginia Class AAA All-State prep selection.

Orchestrating ISU's high velocity offense will again be 6-4 junior Rick Fields (12.1/14.6 assists), who shot an MVC leading .949 from the free throw stripe last season, with 6-4 soph Myron Christian (4.0) and 6-4 junior Scott Mugg (3.5) also offering battle-tested help on the back line. If his prep credentials are any indication, 5-10 incoming freshman Chuck Taylor should be the shooting guard the Sycamores need to put alongside playmaker Fields in the backcourt. His final year at Chicago's Roosevelt HS, Taylor sizzled the nets for a 38.5 ppg average that was the second highest nationally among prep scorers. A second guard recruit is 6-2 frosh Bryan Kegerreis, an All-Ohio scholastic pick.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: That the 1983-84 Sycamores will score loads of points again is unquestioned, with Williams, Golden and Fields providing the veteran leadership and JC product Wright at center plus freshman Taylor at shooting guard also supplying their share of offensive help. But unless this year's ISU cagers -- new and old alike -- can play tighter defense, the Sycamores will be headed for another sub-.500 campaign.

Creighton (8-19)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

A good mason will use only the best of materials to build the foundation for a house, and that's exactly what Willis Reed has been doing in his three years as Creighton's cage mentor. But this is still a youth-dominated Bluejays squad (only one senior and one junior on the 14-man roster) that has some maturing yet to do before it'll be ready for serious MVC contention.

Creighton's center of attention is 7-0 soph pivotman Benoit Benjamin (14.9/9.6/92 blocked shots), a consensus Frosh All-America pick last year. Entrenched once more at one forward spot is 6-7 senior Gregory Brandon (13.3/6.8), runnerup to Ben-

jamin in scoring and rebounding, while 6-8 soph Landreth Baugh (18.2/2.1) got four starts his frosh season. Returning after sitting out 1982-83 on a disciplinary suspension is 6-7 soph Clarence Jones, with Coach Reed's latest frosh harvest turning up 6-10 Dwight Johnson, who'll backstop Benjamin in the middle, along with 6-6 Karlas Gripado.

In the back court, 6-2 junior Vernon Moore (12.2/92 assists) returns at the point, while a pair of soph lettermen after the second guard spot are 6-3 Reggie Morris (6.5) and 6-3 Ken Evans (2.3). Freshmen additions on the outside are 6-3 Gary Swain, a blue-chipper chosen Dallas "Player of the Year" his final prep campaign, and 5-10 playmaker Renard Edwards.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Two straight top-drawer recruiting harvests by Coach Reed and his staff have brightened the cage future at Creighton, and that should start to pay off this season. Led by center "Big Ben" Benjamin, forward Brandon and guard Moore, this year's Blue Jays should push their victory total into double figures and also move up a rung or two on the MVC ladder.

West Texas State (8-20)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Only once in his first five years at the Buffs' helm has Ken Edwards led the school's hardwood quintet to a winning record, but last year's 8-20 set a low water mark for Edwards' tenure. One gets the definite feeling that if Edwards doesn't get things turned around, and soon, his days in Canyon may be numbered.

WTSU's top returning scorer is 5-11 soph guard James Jackson (14.9), who handed out an amazing 202 assists his frosh season. Three other back court vets who saw starting 1982-83 duty are 6-2 junior Kendall Walling (14.2), 6-5 soph Ismail Jenkins (7.5) and 6-3 soph James Jappa (2.1) while 5-8 senior Danny Simmons is back after redshirting last season due to a leg injury. Two years ago, while appearing in 24 games, Simmons averaged 8.3 points. Not a single new guard prospect was added, so Coach Edwards must be fairly satisfied with what he has in this area.

Up front, it's a different matter since a total of five new recruits have been brought in, including the JUCO transfer quartet of 6-7 Robert Von Amelunxen, 6-6 Raleigh Hill, 6-8 Bryan Kirkland and 6-7 Marvin Satterfield. The fifth inside recruit is 6-5 freshman Willie Davis. The only two holdovers in this area who figure to be of much consequence are 6-4 senior small forward regular Goliath Yeggin (9.8/8.1), last year's top rebounder despite his lack of great size, along with 6-8 senior post man Mark Ellerman (1.9/2.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It is imperative that WTSU's new frontliners come through because, back court-wise, this is a decent ball club. Still, a winning record from the 1983-84 Buffs is probably too much to hope for.

Illinois State (24-7)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Avg.

Graduation has dealt unkindly with the Redbirds, carrying off three starters from last year's NCAA Tournament team, among them pivot standout Rick Lamb, who led ISU in scoring and rebounding the past three seasons. His will not be easy shoes to fill, nor will those of fellow departees Dwayne Tyus at point guard and power forward Raynard Malaine.

The lone returning front line regular is 6-7 senior Hank Cornley (11.8/6.1), second in both pointmaking and board pounding a year ago, but the only other half-arsed experience inside returnees are 6-8 junior Lou Stefanovic (3.3/1.6) and 6-8 senior Mark Zwart (3.9/3.9). Hence, anticipate extensive playing time for the incoming frosh quartet of seven-foot, 240-pounder Bill Braksick, runnerup in the voting for last year's Illinois "Mr. Basketball" award, along with 6-8 Jim McGrath, 6-6 Derrick Sanders and 6-5 Eric Cornley, younger brother of Redbird vet Hank Cornley.

In the back court, returning for his third year of starting duty is 6-1 junior Michael McKenny (8.2). Since no new guard prospects were added, it's apparent the ISU coaching staff was satisfied play would be adequate in this area with veteran returnees 6-4 junior Brad Duncan (6.3), 6-5 junior Rickie Johnson (4.8), and the Mutt and Jeff soph duo of 5-11 William Anderson (0.8) and 6-7 Kirk Francis (0.3).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's was one of the most successful hardwood seasons in Redbird history, but an encore performance in 1983-84 will be quite difficult. Middle of the MVC pack at best is where we see this year's ISU cagers finishing.

Drake (13-15)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

After getting stomped on pretty regularly the past couple of years, the 1983-84 Bulldogs will be biting back, promises skipper Gary Garner. "We may not be quite ready to contend for the conference championship," opines Garner, "but we've passed the point where our main objective was just to survive."

Drake's front line is top heavy with returnees who started games a year ago, led by 6-7 soph forward Melvin Mathis (11.8/5.7), who saw only limited action through the first 10 games of his frosh season but came on strong to finish as the club's top scorer and rebounder. Other inside vets with starting knowhow are 6-8 senior Nelson Johnson (10.3/3.7), 6-6 senior Mike Kreklow (6.6/2.3) and 6-10 soph Tom Faber (5.5/2.5). A trio of newcomers to this area are 6-7 JUCO transfer Daryl Lloyd along with the frosh duo of 6-7 Damon Jones and 6-9 Mike Core. Jones, from Detroit's Country Day HS, was picked Michigan all-state after averaging 22 points and 13 boards his final scholastic campaign.

Although his scoring average fell off from 9.5 two years ago to 6.0 last season, 6-1 senior point guard Stephfon Butler did win his second straight team assists title with 120 feeds. Butler is the catalyst in a back court that also returns letter winners in 6-2 soph Demetrius Henderson (2.5) and 6-4 senior Al Kendrick (2.1), while this year's final newcomer is 6-2 JUCO transfer guard Mike Weathers.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's tough to see how Coach Garner expects his Bulldogs to be a whole lot improved this season, although GAMEPLAN hastens to add this does appear to be a somewhat better Drake cage squad. Still, though, it's our forecast that the 1983-84 'Dogs, though a mite stronger perhaps, will again finish in the MVC's second division.

Southern Illinois (9-19)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Avg.

Not since the NCAA Tourney days of the Mike Glenn-led Saluki cagers of the mid-1970's has SIU enjoyed genuine hardwood success. But after records of 11-16 and 9-19 in their first two years under Coach Allen Van Winkle, the 1983-84 SIU basketekers should bring more joy to Carbondale.

In terms of veteran holdovers, this team's deepest area is the back court where SIU returns four players who started full or part-time last season -- 6-3 senior Benny Smith (9.7), 6-6 senior Pie Walker (7.2), 6-5 soph Dan Weiss (1.4) and 6-3 soph Brian Welch (0.9). A varied cast of newcomers out front includes the JUCO transfer quartet of 6-2ers Roy Birch and Nate Bufford, 6-3 Bernard Campbell and 5-11 Ernie Hubbard plus 6-4 freshman Doug Novsek.

Graduation cut a huge hole in the Saluki front line, so look for the 6-6 Walker to also see small forward as well

as guard action. The only other battle-tested returnee inside is 6-9 senior Harry Hunter (1.6/2.9). Freshly minted frontliners are a pair of JUCO products, 6-9 James Douglas and 6-6 Chris George, along with 6-11 junior Kenny Perry, a two-year regular at Evansville before transferring to SIU.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Saluki coaching administration is optimistic a winning record can be forged in 1983-84 but quite frankly, we don't share their enthusiasm. Somewhat improved, that this year's Salukis should be, but GAMEPLAN can't see them climbing out of the MVC's second division just yet.

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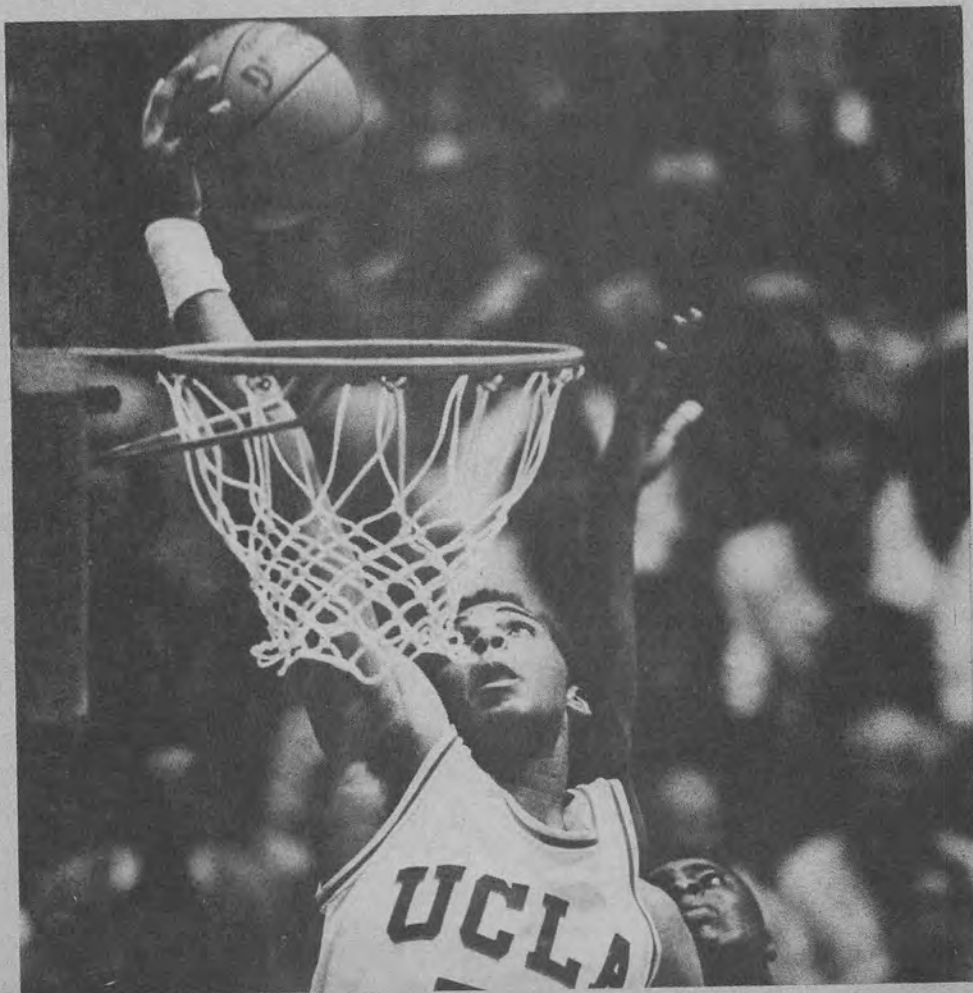
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Senior forward Kenny Fields (54) is on his way to an All-American season after leading UCLA in scoring last year with an 18.0 ppg average.

Pacific Ten

Oregon State (20-11)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

Ever notice how sometimes at certain large universities with multiple athletic programs how it seems one particular sport appears to take precedence over others. No better example might you find than Oregon State, where the school's cage program has known almost continual success under venerable mentor Ralph Miller. But the OSU football squad on the other hand? Good gracious, that usually rundown lot is often lucky if it can hold its opponents to fewer points than the Beaver basketballers allow during a season.

A lot more victories will be going up on Miller's lifetime chart in 1983-84, too, and just as surely you'll also find some OSU players popping up again this year on A-A squads. The latest Beaver gems are the banner forward tandem of 6-8 senior Charlie Sitton (18.8/5.2) and 6-9 junior A.C. Green (14.0/7.6), who may not have an awful lot in common but they do share this characteristic -- when the ball goes up on the backboard, Sitton and Green both become raging bulls. Just ask a lot of bruised enemy frontliners around the PAC-10! Blossoming right on schedule is OSU's third holdover inside regular, 6-10 soph Steve Woodside (8.9/3.8), who needs only brush up on his defense to be a truly great one for OSU. In the wings, Coach Miller has letterman-wise 6-7 senior Jamie Stangel (4.9/1.5), another banger, and 6-7 soph Tyrone Miller (1.1/0.8), while this year's usual outstanding Beaver frosh search yielded 6-9 Pat Giusti and 6-7 Rick Berry, both All-Northern California all-star prep selections. Berry, a career 54 percent field goal shooter in high school, should help immediately as an outside scoring threat.

Also falling under OSU's rising star heading is 6-4 soph guard Darryl Flowers (4.8/99 assists), who was playing his best college ball the end of last season. Steady vet William Brew has gone the sheepskin route at the other back court spot, and quite frankly the only other holdover besides Flowers in this area with much going for him is 6-3 senior Alan Tait (2.9), who if he gains more confidence and consistency could land the second guard berth. **GAMEPLAN**, however, tends to lean more toward a pair of gifted incoming frosh guard hopefuls in 6-4 Parrish Johnson, yet another all-Norcal pick, and 6-5 Kevin Spivey, MVP in last year's Ohio North-South all-star game.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's become an unchanging script in Corvallis. Ralph Miller each year recruits super new players, blends them with the old, and out with the regularity of someone hooked on Ex-Lax pops another powerful Big Orange Machine. It's academic, my good man, simply academic!

UCLA (23-6)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Like the sun breaking over the Pacific every morning, the Bruins have consistently enjoyed roundball success through the years, and last season's was the school's 17th consecutive 20-plus victory campaign. But to keep the UCLA ball rolling in 1983-84, Coach Larry Farmer must conjure replacements for two of the finest guards in Bruin history, "Rocket Rod" Foster and Michael Holton. Farmer himself admits this year's team "will be young and inexperienced in the back court."

The top guard holdover, and in fact the only back line returnee with any varsity experience, is 6-2 senior point man Ralph Jackson (8.1/148 assists), the PAC-10's top feeder last season. Ninety-nine percent certain of landing the other starting guard spot is exciting 6-1 freshman redshirt Montel Hatcher, a prep All-American two years ago, while two newly minted frosh guard prospects are 6-3 Corey Gaines, who earned McDonald's prep A-A, and 6-3 Dave Immel, who speared Glencoe HS to last year's Oregon 3-A state title.

Up front, UCLA's standard bearer is 6-7 senior forward Kenny Fields (18.0/6.6), a certified All-America prospect whose 56.2 career field goal percentage is fifth in school history to NBA stars Bill Walton, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Kiki Vandeweghe and

Marques Johnson. The pivot spot will once again be shared by the junior tandem of 7-0 Stuart Gray (7.7/6.9) and 6-10 Brad Wright (3.4/3.1), while the forward slot vacated by pro draftee Darren Daye's graduation will be haggled over by 6-8 junior Gary Maloncon (3.0/2.3) and 6-5 junior Nigel Miguel (3.6/2.1). The lone new front line recruit is 6-7 freshman Reggie Miller, a super shooter who bucketed 29.5 ppg his final prep campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With Foster and Holton gone from the back court and Daye missing up front, Coach Larry Farmer has some good-sized holes to fill. But led by vets Fields and Jackson, and with anticipated improvement from centers Gray and Wright, the 1983-84 Bruins should notch another 20-win season and make what will be the school's 17th NCAA Tournament appearance in 18 years.

Stanford (14-14)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

Last year's Cardinals rallied from the previous year's 7-20 finish to break even at 14-14, the first time since the 1972-73 campaign Stanford was able to log a non-losing record on the hardwood. Starting his second year as cage mentor on The Farm, Dr. Tom Davis returns all five regulars, most of the key reserves, and welcomes three promising frosh recruits.

Headlining a deep Cardinal back court brigade is 6-1 senior Keith Jones (19.8), the top returning scorer in the PAC-10 with Arizona State's Byron Scott having gone NBA hardship. Other guard returnees who saw full or part-time starting duty last season are 6-1 junior Steve Brown (9.8), 6-0 soph Keith Ramee (4.9/school record 133 assists) and 6-2 senior Ricky Lewis (1.0). The lone new backliner is 6-1 freshman sharpshooter Novian Whitsitt, who fired in 28 ppg his final prep campaign.

Up front, the key for Stanford is keeping 6-9 senior John Revelli healthy throughout the season. A year ago, Revelli carried averages of 19.1 points and 7.8 rebounds but appeared in only 15 games because of injuries. Three more inside vets who have starting savvy are 6-9 senior Hans Wichary (8.9/2.3) and the soph tandem of 6-4 Andy Fischer (5.4/2.3) and 6-5 Earl Koberlein (3.6/2.8), while newly arrived to this area are two frosh signees, 6-8 Grady Johnson and 6-6 Doug Wall. The Cardinals suffered a setback in their front line, though, when Johnny Rogers, a 10.4 scorer last season, transferred to Cal-Irvine.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Just as he did in previous coaching stints at Lafayette and Boston College, Tom Davis has brought respectability back to The Farm and its roundball program. Still, though, the 1983-84 Cards still don't appear deep enough -- especially in the front line -- to be much more than a spoiler in the PAC-10 title chase.

Oregon (9-18)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Above Avg.

You would be, too! You'd be sporting an ear-to-ear grin just like first-year OU hardwood mentor Don Monson, who inherits all five regulars including perhaps the dominant big man in the PAC-10 today, 7-0, 250-pound Blair Rasmussen. An all-league and Associated Press honorable mention All-America pick his soph season, Rasmussen has shown tremendous progress since coming to Eugene and the nicest part for rookie skipper Monson is that Rasmussen's best days are still ahead of him!

A year ago, Rasmussen tossed in 14.8 ppg, many on his deadly smooth hook shot, to lead the Ducks in scoring while his 5.4 rebound average was second only to 6-8 junior holdover forward regular Jerry Adams (6.0/6.5). Rounding out OU's all-veteran front line is 6-6 senior David Brantley (12.0/4.2), while offering letter-winning support in this area is the junior twosome of 6-7 Mike Matheson (4.5/3.1) and 6-6 Bryan Trendell (3.8/0.7). Additionally, 6-8 soph Kenny Thompson and 6-6 freshman Kenny Sprague are ready to go after redshirting last season. Picked up in Coach Monson's first OU recruiting harvest were 6-7 JUCO transfer Gregg Trapp and 6-6 freshman Reggie Wallace, the latest in a long line of standouts produced

by California's National City Sweetwater HS.

The Ducks welcome back three guards who started 1982-83 games in 6-3 senior Gary Gatewood (8.7), 6-1 soph Donald Dutton (2.8) and 6-3 junior Greg Bell (1.0). Look for those three to hike both their scoring and assists totals with OU going to a more uptempo offense in their first year under Don Monson. The lone back line recruit is 6-2 JUCO transfer Chris Harper.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Don Monson comes on board in Eugene after a highly successful stint at Idaho, and to his good fortune Monson inherits a veteran Ducks team bulwarked by pivot standout Rasmussen. As such, look for this year's OU cagers to improve -- perhaps considerably -- on their 9-18 record of a year ago.



Southern Cal's front line will be led by junior forward Wayne Carlander, who's started every game for the Trojans since his frosh season.

Southern Cal (17-11)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Trojans have gone 19-9 and 17-11 their last two years under Coach Stan Morrison, and although this season's edition of USC cagers is heavy on youth (only one senior on the squad), there should be another good campaign ahead for Morrison's charges. This year's Trojans will be led by one of the premier forwards on the Pacific Coast, Wayne Carlander, who last season led the club in scoring, rebounding, field goal and free throw shooting accuracy.

The 6-8 junior Carlander (13.1/7.3), who has started every game since his freshman year, bulwarks a front line that returns three others with starting experience in 6-6 senior Cedric Bailey (11.1/3.3), 6-5 junior Ron Holmes (9.3/3.4) and 6-10 junior Clayton Olivier (6.3/3.2). Recruiting-wise in this area, Coach Morrison and his staff turned up the frosh foursome of 6-6 Derrick Dowell, 6-8 Rod Keller, 6-9 Charlie Simpson and 6-6 Ron Young. Foremost of those newcomers are Dowell, a two-time Indiana all-state pick, and Simpson, Colorado's "Player of the Year" his final prep campaign.

In the back court, the Trojans must fill the large point guard shoes of the graduated Jacques Hill. Heir apparent to that spot would appear to be 6-2 junior Glenn Smith (2.7), who started one game and saw action in 23 altogether last season. Other back court returnees with game action under their belts are 6-5 soph Kevin Steward (2.9) and 5-10 soph Larry Friend (0.7). The final new recruit is 6-1 frosh point guard Ivan Harris, but in all, the Trojans look awfully thin in numbers on the back line.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Stan Morrison has guided the Trojans to successful campaigns the past two years, and with what he has at his disposal USC cage fans should enjoy what they see of their school's 1983-84 cagers, too. Some questions

surround the back court, in particular Hill's vacant point guard spot and the lack of proven depth in this area, but a strong front line paced by A-A candidate Carlander should enable the Trojans to forge another good record this season.

California (14-14)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

The Bears managed to hit the break-even mark last season, and skipper Dick Kuchen is optimistic that 1983-84 will see even better things for his hoopsters. "I'm excited about our team," comments Kuchen. "We have a nice mix of veterans and new players." Best of the vets, and both potential All-America candidates, are seniors Michael Pitts at center and guard Butch Hays.

The 6-11 Pitts was last year's team leader in scoring (14.4) and rebounding (6.1), plus his 19 blocked shots tied for most amongst the Golden Bears. The 1982-83 PAC-10 "Rookie of the Year," 6-9 soph Dave Butler (7.8/6.0), is again entrenched at one forward spot, while the early frontrunner to start in the opposite corner is 6-6 senior Frank Avalos (6.5/3.4). Other battle-tested inside returnees are 6-9 senior backup center John Ritchie (2.9/1.4) along with the forward tandem of sophs 6-7 Leroy Smith (2.0/1.6) and 6-6 Richard Chang (2.4/0.9). Heading the newcomer group is 6-8 freshman Jim Beatie, who led Oregon's Glencoe HS to a 24-1 mark and last year's state title, along with 6-5 fellow frosh signee Jeff Huling and 6-8 JUCO transfer Gordon Anderson.

Back court ace Hays (10.5/12.5 assists), a 6-4 senior starting his fourth year as a regular, needs just 30 more feeds to surpass Gene Ransom (356) as Cal-Berkeley's career leader in that department. After seeing extensive reserve duty last season, 6-4 junior Jeff Thilgen (3.4) seems destined to start at the vacant spot, while ready to go after sitting out last year following his transfer from the JUCO ranks is 6-3 Willie Preston. Incoming frosh guard prospects are 6-1 Kevin Johnson, who led the California prep ranks in scoring (32.8) last year, 6-2 Earnest Sears and 6-1 Chris Washington.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Dick Kuchen is quietly but optimistically calling this his best Golden Bear cage squad in some time, and well it appears that is exactly the case. Sparked by A-A prospects Pitts up front and Hays on the back line, Cal-Berkeley's 1983-84 cagers should finish on the plus side of .500 and may even challenge for a niche in the PAC-10's first division.

Washington (16-15)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Huskies of Coach Marv Harshman are becoming the PAC-10's melting pot since they already had players from West Germany (Detlef Schrempf) and Iceland (Flosi Sigurdsson) and now they've landed another West German native in 7-0 freshmen center Christian Welp, who played prep ball at Washington's Silverdale Olympic HS and was widely regarded as the premier big man in the Pacific Northwest. Welp should fit nicely into a UW bunch that loses only one player of repute, top 1982-83 scorer Brad Watson at guard.

Once more set at the other guard spot is 5-11 senior and ace playmaker Alvin Vaughn (8.9/11 assists), while experienced hands bidding to fill Watson's old spot are 6-3 senior Byron Howell, 6-0 senior David Koehler and 6-2 soph Gary Gardner. Newly arrived is 6-4 freshman Clay Damon, a Washington prep all-stater from Spokane's Lewis & Clark HS.

Experienced personnel is even more plentiful in UW's front line, where the returning regulars are 6-8 senior forward Darrell Tanner (12.5/7.2), 6-10 junior center Schrempf (10.6/6.8) and 6-7 soph Reggie Rogers (8.4/5.3). Other inside holdovers with letter-winning savvy are 7-0 junior Sigurdsson, 6-9 soph Paul Fortier, 6-7 senior Tim Kuyper and 6-4 senior Blake Riva, while in addition to incoming seven-footer Welp, the Huskies will have 6-5 Kevin Vidato, a freshman eligible who redshirted last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Marv Harshman, the winningest active coach in major college basketball, has himself another solid team in Seattle. The Huskies of 1983-84 will be a squad without any big-name stars, but team play, hustle and spirit should help the UW cagers forge a winning record and possible first division PAC-10 finish.

Arizona State (19-13)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Sun Devils were dealt a double blow when forward Paul Williams left via the normal graduation route and guard Byron Scott bypassed his senior year to go NBA hardship. That leaves Coach Bob Weinbauer with two large holes to fill in the ASU lineup if the school's roundball success story is to add another chapter in 1983-84.

One of two starters returning for the Sun Devils is 6-2 senior guard Chris Beasley (8.4) but after him, ASU's back court cupboard is pretty much bare of veterans. So, a trio of frosh signees who will almost have to help right away are 6-3 Gary Attaway, 6-3 Steve Beck and 6-2 Bobby Thompson. How well the newcomers produce will doubtless decide the nature of back court play for ASU this season.

Front line holdovers with battle citations are 6-9 junior Jim Deines (3.4/4.3) and the junior duo of 6-10 Phil McKinney (2.4/3.8) and 6-6 Billy Jordan (5.0/2.3). Freshman additions to this area who will, like the guard recruits, be counted on for immediate help are 6-11 Mike Burns, a Colorado prep all-stater, 6-8 Tee Williamson and 6-6 Eric Holloway.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Sun Devils have just lost too much to graduation to expect another strong 1983-84 showing. The best GAMEPLAN can see for ASU is another plus-.500 finish which may not be good enough to keep the Sun Devils from slipping into the PAC-10's second division.

Washington State (23-7)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Cougars have a new cage boss in Len Stevens, and the personable first-year WSU skipper sees how fast his team matures as the key to another successful campaign. Missing off last year's NCAA Tournament club are four regulars, Steve Harriel, Craig Ehlo, Guy Williams and Aaron Haskins.

WSU's lone holdover regular is 6-3 junior guard Chris Winkler (9.0). Shooting to nail down the other back court spot is 6-4 soph letterman Keith Morrison, although his plans could be ruined by 6-4 incoming freshman Rigo Moore.

Up front, the Cougars will build around 6-7 soph Ricky Brown (10.0), chosen to last year's PAC-10 all-rookie team, but the pivotal player in this area is 6-9 soph Otis Jennings. As Jennings progresses so, too, it is expected will WSU's inside game. One other veteran of note here is 6-5 junior Bryan Pollard while two promising frosh signees are 6-7 Joe Wallace, California's Class AA prep "player of the year," and 7-0 Ken Mathia. Mathia, though big, is still awfully rough around the edges.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cougars have just lost too much via graduation to come near last year's 23-7, NCAA Tourney success. In fact, the view from this corner sees WSU's cagers struggling to keep from tumbling back into the PAC-10's second division.

Arizona (4-24)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Avg.

Former Iowa cage mentor Lute Olson, who led his last five editions of Hawkeyes to 20-win seasons and NCAA Tournament appearances, will assume the reins of a Wildcat team which itself set two records last year. Unfortunately, both were of the negative variety as the 1982-83 UA roundballers logged the worst record in school history (4-24) and had a 1-17 PAC-10 mark that went down as the most league losses in PAC-10 annals.

The sole returning regular off last year's much battered club is 6-2 junior guard Brock Brunkhorst (7.8/120 assists), while 6-5 senior Troy Cooke (3.3) has a bead on the other backcourt spot after starting eight games in 1982-83. Other collegiate tested guard holdovers are 6-4 seniors Ken Ensor (2.2), Harvey Thompson (1.6) and 6-5 senior swingman Todd Porter (2.9). Newly arrived to this area is 6-1 frosh point man Michael Tait.

In the Wildcat front line, newcomers will have to be of almost immediate value since the only inside returnees of note are swingman Porter, 6-5 soph David Haskin (4.5/2.5), who started 10 games his frosh campaign, and 6-5 junior Keith Jackson (1.6/1.1). Help along the base line comes in the persons of 6-7 JUCO transfers Eddie Smith and Pete Williams,

along with a pair of frosh pivot hopefuls, 6-9 Van Beard and 6-10 Andy Woodtli. Smith was chosen the Kansas JC player of the year as he led last season's 24-5 Dodge City CC team with averages of 24 points and nine rebounds, while freshman blue-chipper Beard was the mainstay for a Garfield HS (Seattle) club that won the Washington state prep title this past year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: For the time being at least, Lute Olson better forget about 20-win seasons and NCAA tourney appearances since he's got a long uphill rebuilding road ahead of him in Tucson. Point guard Brunkhorst and soph small forward Haskin are the best of a thin veteran cast, and while the addition of JCers Smith and Williams along with frosh center Beard should bolster AU's inside game, the 1983-84 Wildcats are destined for another finish among the PAC-10 also-rans.

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Brigham Young (15-14)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Cougars have a new mentor in former Utah State skipper Ladell Anderson, and he seems to be a fortunate man indeed. Anderson inherits four regulars including 1982-83 WAC co-player of the year Devin Durrant, while coming on board is what is widely regarded as the league's premier freshman class.

Durrant, a 6-7 senior forward, carried averages of 22.8 points and 5.8 rebounds while returning in the corner opposite him is 6-7 senior Brett Applegate (12.3/7.4), runnerup scorer in 1982-83. NBA first round draftee Greg Kite has been lost at center with 6-9 soph letterman Jim Uesvitch (1.2/1.2) and tall and talented 7-2 freshman Carl Pollard slated to battle it out for the vacant post spot. The chief backup to Durrant and Applegate is 6-6 senior Timo Saarelainen (4.3/1.6) while this year's other frosh front line addition, 6-9 Mike Smith, was a consensus prep All-American in basketball and also a heavily recruited football quarterback.

At the guard spots, BYU welcomes back a quartet of players who saw full or part-time starting duty a year ago in 6-2 junior Scott Sinek (6.8), 6-4 soph Brian Taylor (4.0), 6-1 junior Marty Perry (2.6) and 6-2 soph Chris Nikchevich (4.3). A pair of frosh backliners who could fit in right away are 6-5 Mike Girardi, a "Basketball Weekly" prep A-A, and 6-6 Alan Astle.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: New hardwood boss Anderson will build his first edition of Cougars around the solid senior forward tandem of Durrant and Applegate and plenty of experienced depth at guard. How well the new pivot men pan out, however, will decide BYU's 1983-84 fortunes.

San Diego State (18-10)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

What a great name for an All-America cage prospect -- San Diego State's Michael Cage! How apt, how fitting and how marvelously talented is 6-9 senior power forward Cage, who last season slammed in 19.5 ppg and was Division 1-A's third best rebounder with a 12.6 average. Cage is the greatest Aztec cager ever.

Cage will again be joined in SDSU's regular front line by 6-10 junior center Leonard Allen (6.9/6.0), who has started all but three games since joining the Aztecs. First crack at the forward spot left vacant by Eddy Gordon's graduation will go to 6-8 junior John Martens (6.3/3.1), nagged by injuries last season, but a quartet of front line newcomers with other ideas are 6-9 JUCO transfers Mike Kennedy and Andre Ross along with the 6-7 freshmen duo of Ira Harge and David Grissom. Kennedy and Ross were both rated among the top five JC big men by the BC Scouting Service, while many felt Harge was the best prep prospect in the state of New Mexico.

Moving over to fill the departed Keith Smith's point guard spot is 6-3 soph Anthony Watson (11.4), who started at off guard last season and was the only freshman in the WAC to average double figures in scoring. Watson also dished out 85 assists his yearling campaign, so he should fit right in at the point. Veterans after the other back line spot are 6-5 senior



Two of the WAC's premier performers are BYU's senior forward Devin Durrant (left) and San Diego State's Michael Cage (44, right). Durrant pumped in 22.8 points a game last winter, while Cage hit for 19.5 markers a game

David Reed (3.4), a starter seven times last year, and 6-1 soph Bobby Owens (2.7), while newly arrived are 6-2 JUCO transfer Jeff Konek and the frosh tandem of 6-3 Steve Holland and 6-2 Anthony Sands. Holland and Sands are prep all-stars from, respectively, Illinois and Michigan.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by certified A-A prospect Cage, this year's Aztecs should at least equal if not better last season's 18-10. And provided injuries, which were a season-long problem a year ago, are avoided, the 1983-84 Aztecs could be very strong WAC title bidders.

and corralled 12.6 rebounds per outing. Both will be found on more than a few All-America charts this season.

three more freshmen front line prospects -- 6-10 Richard Merritt, 6-6 Larry Markland and 6-8 Paul Connery.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With the onus of NCAA probation no longer hanging over them, this year's Lobos should be as good a ball club as UNM cage fans have seen in awhile. Veterans abound on this senior-dominated team, and with all that Gary Colson's latest recruiting hunt turned up, the 1983-84 Lobos should forge a winning record while bidding to climb back into the WAC's first division.

New Mexico (14-15)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

With NCAA imposed sanctions finally lifted after four years, Lobo cage skipper Gary Colson claims: "The balls and chains are off us now." That extra boost in conjunction with the return of almost all of last year's key players, plus a fine recruiting harvest, has Colson further commenting, "It's time to start reaping the awards other have received."

UNM's ace man is 5-10 senior point guard Phil Smith (12.9/81 assists), who went down with a broken ankle after 15 games. Up to that point, the Lobos had gone 11-4 with a 3-0 WAC record. Three other guard vets with starting savvy are 5-10 senior Niles Dockery (6.7), 6-5 senior Alan Dolensky (5.4) and 6-2 senior Nelson Franse (5.1), while the cream of this year's frosh guards are a pair of tallish swing men prospects, 6-7 Hunter Greene and 6-8 Mike Winters, along with 6-0 Kelvin Scarborough. Greene was chosen Class AAA "player of the year" in the California prep ranks while Winters won the same New Mexico honor his final scholastic season. Scarborough, from the tough Washington, D.C., prep basketball ranks, gunned in 25 ppg his final year at Eastern HS.

Inside, the Lobos return for starting action the senior duo of 6-7 Tim Garrett (12.5/3.9) and 6-8 George Scott (10.2/5.8), while two more front line returnees who started games a year ago are 6-3 senior swing man Michael Johnson (8.3/4.7) and 6-9 junior T.J. Drake (1.4/0.9). In addition to frosh swing men Greene and Winters, this year's yearling hunt also turned up

Utah (18-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

For a time early in the last NCAA Tournament, the Utes were the "Cinderella" team in most eyes as they opened tourney play with upsets of Illinois (52-49) and UCLA (67-61) before running into 1982-83's real Cinderella, North Carolina State, who pounded Utah, 75-56. Lynn Archibald has taken command of the Utes after serving as the departed Jerry Primm's chief aide, and Archibald comments about his first Utah cage squad: "The nucleus from last year's team is back, but the two leading scorers (Pace Mannion and Peter Williams) are gone. We will need to find someone to take charge in scoring."

One worthy candidate is 6-3 senior guard Angelo Robinson (10.0), last year's No. 3 pointmaker, while a trio of other back court returnees with veteran savvy are 5-10 soph Manuel Hendrix (8.2), a starter in 15 games his frosh season, 6-4 senior Scott Hill (1.5) and 6-3 soph Clyde Rivers (1.6). Newcomers to this area are 6-5 freshman Sie Moore, widely regarded as Utah's finest prep prospect, and 6-2 JUCO transfer Kelvin Upshaw. Moore, who poured in 30 ppg his final year at Ogden's Booneville HS, could also see small forward duty for the Utes.

Rounding out this year's recruiting harvest is a trio of frosh frontliners, 6-10 Byron Haas, 6-4 leaper Albert Springs and 6-7 Dean Raymond. Holdover frontliners include two players who saw extensive starting duty last season, 6-5 junior George Furgis (6.0/2.6) and 6-8 senior Chris Winans (5.7/6.2), while others with letter-winning savvy are 6-5 junior Mario Williams (3.0/2.9), 6-9 junior Tim McLaughlin (1.4/1.3), 6-9 soph John White (0.8/1.4) and 6-7 soph Mike Bozner (1.2/1.2).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite the dual loss of 1-2 scorers Mannion and Williams, Lynn Archibald's first Utah cage squad should be a good, sound club. This is a team without any truly big stars, but their scrappy nature should at least enable Utah to forge another winning mark while bidding for a repeat first division WAC finish in 1983-84.

Wyoming (16-13)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Leadership, that often underrated but always most vital of key ingredients for winning basketball, is what Cowboy skipper Jim Brandenburg is looking for as the 1983-84 college season approaches. Citing the graduation of last year's on-court leaders, All-WAC guard Mike Jackson plus fellow starting backcourter Anthony Johnson and forward Mark Wrapp, Coach Brandenburg ascertains: "(Now) the team leadership and team responsibilities -- the caretakers of our program -- are in the hands of a second generation."

Most notable of the "second generation" frontliners are 6-6 senior Tony Martin (13.0/6.3), leading scorer in last year's well-balanced offense, along with rugged 6-6 junior board pounder Jamal Hosey (5.5/6.6), 6-8 junior Anthony Smith (2.4/1.6) and the tallish, but problem-prone center duo of 6-10 soph Mark Getty (7.5/4.2 in just 12 games before a knee injury cut him down) and monstrous 7-0, 280-pound junior Jim Renner (3.7/2.7) in only 18 contests. "It appears Mark is way ahead of his recovery schedule," says Coach Brandenburg of budding pivot stand-out Getty. "I think the number one priority of our club will be to get Mark rehabilitated and playing with confidence on that knee." A trio of frosh additions to the Cowpoke front line are 6-9 Mike Amundson, 6-6 Jonathan Sommers and 6-6 forward/guard swingman Tim Hunt.

Large shoes are those to fill in the backcourt of Mike Jackson and Anthony Johnson, who between them last season supplied 23.5 ppg and 213 assists. A sure-fire bet to fill one guard vacancy is 6-2 junior Rodney Gowens (4.1), the team's ace sixth man his soph year, with 5-11 junior Troy Washpun (2.9) foremost of the experienced applicants for the other spot. Pushing Washpun, however, are speedy 6-0 JUCO transfer Tony Brown and the frosh duo of 6-3 Roy Ware and 6-0 Sean Dent.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After a banner 24-6, NCAA Tournament appearance in 1980-81, last year's Cowboys slipped to 16-13 and there may be another drop in sight for Jim Brandenburg's club this coming college hardwood campaign. Starting at center with Getty and Renner and in the Wyoming backcourt, too, with Jackson and Johnson missing, there are a number of riddles that will have to be solved if the Cowpokes are to finish above .500 again in 1983-84.

Texas-El Paso (19-10)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Survivalists, that was last year's Miners, who lost their best player (Fred Reynolds) just four games into the season but hung tough to notch 19 victories and land an NIT bid. Reynolds is back for the 1983-84 season, along with three others who were starting at the end of last year, so Coach Don Haskins should have himself another solid UTEP cage squad.

Inside, a fully recovered Reynolds will probably start in a front line also numbering holdover regulars in 6-10 soph center Dave Feitl (8.8/4.8) and 6-6 soph forward Kevin Hamilton (8.9/5.0). One other inside player coming off 1982-83 redshirt is 6-7 junior Rod Nealy, while the top newcomer to this area is 6-7 JUCO transfer Donnell Allen.

Graduation cost UTEP's back court playmaking ace Byron Walker, but returning at the guards are last year's 1-2 scorers, 6-0 junior Luster Goodwin (12.3) and 6-4 junior swing man Kent Lockhart (9.8). Offering letter-winning support is 6-0 senior Anthony Bailey (3.2), while eligible this season after redshirting a year ago is the frosh threesome of 6-1 Harnell "Jeep" Jackson, 6-3 Lemuel Clanton and 6-7 swing man Quintan Gates. Finally, 6-6 soph Juden Smith also returns after a redshirt year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Don Haskins has led the Miners to one successful season after another over the years, and his 1983-84 club looks capable of carrying forth that tradition. Along with Utah and Brigham Young, the Miners won a share of last year's WAC title and UTEP should be right in there bidding again this season.

Hawaii (17-11)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Pity, isn't it? Only two players have been lost off last year's 17-win Rainbow Warrior team -- but the two are 1-2 scorers Tony Webster at guard and forward Bobby Hancock. See, the "numbers" don't always tell the full story, do they!

Coach Larry Little does return two-thirds of the Bows' starting front line in mountainous 7-2, 260-pound senior center Rogue Harris (5.8/3.1) and 6-5 senior small forward Greg Hicks (8.2/5.5), with 6-7 senior Jack Miller (6.0/4.2) all but assured of taking over at Hancock's old spot. Other inside vets are 6-5 soph Dan Hale (4.3/2.8), 6-7 senior Larry Connors (4.3/4.0), 6-8 junior Bill Mosier (1.1/1.3) and 6-8 senior Garland Hughes (0.8/1.7). Both Connors and Hughes have started in the past. Hawaii's lone new front line recruit is 6-8 JUCO transfer Ray Arthur.

Out front, 5-10 junior William Colston (6.4) returns at point guard after handing out 97 assists last season, while 6-3 senior Crosetti Speight (5.6) and 6-4 junior Sam Johnson (5.0) also have extensive back line experience after appearing in 28 and 23 games, respectively, a year ago. The Bows also dipped into the JUCO ranks for 6-3 guard Rich Miskimon, while via the prep ranks comes 6-4 freshman Andre Morgan.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Rainbow Warriors are bound to be somewhat weaker with 1-2 scorers Webster and Hancock departed, but this is still a club with its strong suits as well. Led by burly center Harris, forward vet Hicks and slick point man Colston, this year's Hawaii cagers should at least finish with a winning record.

Colorado State (11-17)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Big "Mo" as in momentum is what CSU roundball mentor Tony McAndrews feels his club will have going for it heading into the 1983-84 college season. "We finished last season on a strong, positive note," says McAndrews of his club's winning six of its final 10 games. "I feel that will carry over to this year's team."

Graduation cost the Rams two-thirds of their starting front line, so this area will have to rebuild around 6-9 soph center/forward Rich Strong (9.5/6.8). Foremost of the other veteran base line holdovers is seven-foot junior Ardell Prins (2.2/1.1), but three new arrivals who brighten the picture in this area are JUCO transfers 6-9 Mike Gray, 6-7 Andy Johannsen and 6-9 freshman Frederick "Paco" Larsen.

Orchestrating CSU's attack again will be 5-11 junior guard Todd Benn (7.8/7.3 assists), but the only other returnee on the back line with so much as letter winning-experience is 6-2 soph John Dudley (2.9). Expected to help in this area are 6-6 non-lettering soph Curtis Myles and 6-3 incoming freshman Anthony Lee.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Provided three graduated starters can be replaced, this year's Rams could indeed keep going on the momentum they picked up at the end of last season. But it doesn't appear the Rams are capable of cracking the WAC's first division in 1983-84.

Air Force (10-17)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Avg.

Ill could they afford to lose it, but hasn't graduation come along and cost the none-too-deep-to-begin-with Falcons their top four scorers from a year ago? Where does skipper Hank Egan go from here? First, probably, to the nearest medicine cabinet for a bottle of aspirin.

Egan's back court will revolve around two players who saw full or part-time starting duty a year ago, 6-2 soph Todd Beer (5.1) and 6-4 senior Dale Grupe (4.6). Off the bench, there's 6-3 junior Jon Jordan (1.6), but otherwise newcomers will have to supply the brunt of depth in this area. And to further complicate matters, at this writing it is not known for sure which of Air Force's frosh recruits have the academics required to qualify for the 1983-84 campaign.

Thinner still is a Falcon front court that lost all three regulars to graduation, including Rick Simmons, the academy's fourth all-time scorer. Lettermen holding over inside are 6-7 junior Tim Lewis (2.2/2.5), a starter seven times last season, and 6-4 soph Maurice McDonald (3.1/1.9). As we

pointed out above, it's not known at this time what front line recruits will suit up for the 1983-84 Falcons, but any way you look at it, Air Force is gonna lose a lot of battles-of-the-boards this season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Another dreary year looms ahead for Falcon cage fans, as Hank Egan goes about extensively rebuilding a team that could ill afford to lose what it did. The possibility of as many as 20 losses is the prognosis for the inexperienced 1983-84 Air Force roundballers.

WCAC

Pepperdine (20-9)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

In deep jeopardy is Pepperdine's three-year reign as WCAC champions, since graduation claimed 1-2-3 scorers Dane Suttle, Orlando Phillips and Bill Sadler. That leaves skipper Jim Harrick with some large holes to fill indeed, and unless they are, this could be a long year for the Waves.

Bulwarking Pep's front line will be 6-8 senior and four-year regular Victor Anger (10.4/7.8), but the only other returnees to this area with so much as letter-winning experience are 6-5 senior Andy Johnson (1.9/1.6) and 6-9 senior Reid Poole (1.3/1.8). A pair of 1982-83 redshirts counted on to pick up some slack are 6-9 Scott McCollum and 6-8 David Prenatt, while this year's frosh recruiting hunt turned up 6-9 Paul Conaway, 6-6 Artis Jones and 6-8 Eric White.

Out front, 6-2 senior Mark Wilson (5.9) returns at point guard after dishing out 127 assists a year ago, with 6-4 junior Grant Gondrezick (4.7) best of the other back court vets. Redshirts expected to make an immediate impact here are former USC player 5-11 Jon Korfas, and 6-5 Dwayne Polee, who two years ago averaged 8.4 ppg for Nevada-Las Vegas. Polee could also swing to the small forward position. Freshmen guard signees are 6-5 Joe Asberry, 6-1 Scott Filipek and the son and namesake of the Pepperdine coach, 5-11 Jim Harrick.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With all that graduation has cost them, this year's Waves will be hard pressed to extend their WCAC title reign. In fact, unless all those redshirts and incoming freshmen produce quickly, Pepperdine is in danger of slipping under .500 in 1983-84.

Santa Clara (21-7)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Last year's was the best hardwood record hung up by the Broncos since the 1969-70 season, and more of the same appears on tap for 1983-84 with four starters returning along with most of the key reserves, plus some good new recruits coming on board. All Bronco players, though, will follow the lead of 6-3 junior guard Harold Keeling, who a year ago led Santa Clara in an amazing 12 different offensive categories.

Keeling (14.9/100 assists/school record 82 steals) is a fixture at big guard, while getting the starting call opposite him will again be 6-3 soph Steve Kenilvort (5.3). Lettermen supplying depth in this area are 6-1 senior Terry Davis, 6-2 soph Ken Mulkey and 6-1 soph Warren Cain, and Bronco skipper Carroll Williams must be satisfied with this lineup since not a single new guard recruit was added.

In the front line, 6-7 senior Michael Norman (7.6/4.5) returns at one forward, with 7-1 junior Nick Vanos (9.9/6.6) stepping in at center. Although he didn't start a single game last season, Vanos was the team's top rebounder and third highest scorer. All but assured of landing the other forward spot is 6-5 junior Scott Lamson (9.5/3.5), last year's ace sixth man, while newly arrived here is 6-4 JUCO transfer Vic Couch and the frosh duo of 6-9 Darrin Underwood and 6-7 Brian Moody.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Broncos appear primed for a ride to the top of the WCAC this season after a runnerup league finish in 1982-83, and don't be surprised if Santa Clara is sporting the WCAC cage crown come the end of the 1983-84 campaign.

Loyola (Cal.) (9-18)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

S-I-Z-E, that's what Lion skipper Ed Goorjian and his staff went looking for during their off-season recruiting hunt, and that they got! Coming on board for the Lions are five new players, four of whom are 6-7 or taller, which should be a god-send for a veteran front line that too often lost the battle of the boards last season.

Loyola's inside vets are led by 6-7 junior forward Forrest McKenzie (20.0/7.0), an All-WCAC pick his soph year, while rounding out the experienced cast in this area are 6-7 junior Steve Haderlein (2.1/3.9), 6-6 soph Fred Bradford (1.5/2.8) and the swing man duo of seniors 6-5 Darren Lee (6.9/2.9) and 6-4 Rick Sharp (4.9/2.7). Bringing that much needed S-I-Z-E to the Lion inside game are 6-9 JUCO transfer Dan Hornbuckle and the frosh threesome of 6-8 Darrin Levy, 6-11 Canadian native James Wegren and 6-7 Darryl Carter, who attended Washington State last year but didn't play basketball so he retains freshman eligibility. The most heralded of those newcomers is Levy, a "Parade Magazine" honorable mention prep All-America.

Out front, graduation claimed 1982-83 WCAC scoring champ Greg Goorjian, the Loyola coach's youngest son. Foremost of the experienced back line holdovers are 6-2 soph Keith Smith (7.9), a starter most of his frosh year, along with letter-winners 6-3 senior Kieran Reilly and 6-4 soph Richard Zacher. Expect veteran swing men Lee and Sharp to pull more guard duty this season. This year's final recruit is 6-3 frosh guard Dennis Vogel.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With all those tallish newcomers to go along with all-star forward vet McKenzie, size should no longer be a problem in Loyola's front line. But something will have to be done about filling Greg Goorjian's 26.5 ppg shoes in the back court if the 1983-84 Lions are to climb above .500.

Portland (10-18)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

The Pilot athletic publicity folks are calling this the school's deepest cage squad in some time and that sure looks to be the case. In all, Portland returns 10 players with varsity experience while just coming on board are several players who should make immediate contributions.

On the back line, the Pilots welcome back both regulars in 5-9 mite-mite Brian Fundingsland (9.1) and 6-4 soph Dwayne Corbitt (3.0) while a big plus in this area is the healthy return of 1982-83 injured redshirt Fred Harris, a 6-4 soph who averaged 4.4 ppg two years ago. Foremost of the new guard recruits is 6-4 freshman Chris Fulton, who led his high school team (Sir Francis Drake in San Anselmo, CA) to a glittering 81-3 mark the past three years.

Manning the forward spots full-time will again be 6-7 senior Dennis Black (11.1) and 6-8 soph Darran Jenkins (8.5), but a replacement must be found for three-year pivot regular Bryan Beard. First crack at handling the center spot will go to 6-10, 225-pound JUCO transfer James Van Ness, and how well he pans out in the middle will probably decide how strong Portland's inside game will be this season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: In what looks to be a wide open WCAC race in 1983-84, the Pilots have to be considered one of the prime contenders. But unless JC import Van Ness fills the hole at center, it's unlikely Portland will be able to win the whole WCAC ball of wax.

Gonzaga (13-14)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

Last year's was Gonzaga's first losing hardwood record in four seasons, but the Bulldogs should return to their winning ways in 1983-84 with all five regulars, the top reserves and several talented newcomers on hand. Leading the whole Bulldog bunch is the WCAC's best point guard and one of the finest all-around backcourtters in the nation, 6-1 senior John Stockton.

Last season, for the second year running, Stockton led the entire league with 184 assists while scoring at a 13.9 clip, and

he's also a tough defender who's made 68 steals each of the past two seasons. Returning for starting duty at the other guard spot is 6-2 senior Tony Neal (5.8), while a pair of newcomers to this area with good advance billings are 6-3 freshman Tim Heins, the state of Washington's second leading prep scorer (26.4 ppg) last year, and 6-4 JUCO transfer Mark Matthews.

Also strong will be a Bulldog front line returning all three regulars in 6-3 senior small forward and top 1982-83 scorer Bryce McPhee (16.6), 6-8 senior power forward Jason Van Nort (12.3/5.1) and 6-9 senior center Blair Anderson (4.9/4.9). Tops among the reserves in this area is 6-10 junior Tim Ruff (3.5/3.4), who filled in very well when Van Nort was injured late last season, while rounding out the veteran inside cast are 6-7 junior Dave Clement and 6-9 soph Mike Champion. 6-7 junior Jeff Reinert, a New Mexico transfer who redshirted last year, is ready to go this season, while newly arrived is 6-6 freshman Dan Roe, who led Idaho's prep ranks in scoring (26.1) last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Not only should this year's Bulldogs return to the ranks of the winning, but this club also projects as a definite WCAC title contender.

St. Mary's (14-12)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Directly above, you'll note that the Gaels return four of five starters, but that one loss (All-CAC forward and 20 ppg scorer Peter Thibaux) was a major one. "No one player will replace Peter," admits Coach Bill Oates. "Instead, we'll have two or three different players doing different things to offset his loss."

Up front, the Gaels do return three players who saw full or part-time starting action last season in 6-5 soph David Boone (8.8/7.3), 6-7 junior David Cooke (7.9/4.8) and 6-6 soph Jon Wheeler (3.9/0.7) while 6-6 juniors Eric Cooks and Ken Jones also have extensive experience. Two players who redshirted in 1982-83, 7-0 senior Mike Nelson and 6-8 freshman bruiser Lloyd Brown, will try to fill the center spot but chances are the Gaels will again go with a three-forward setup.

The St. Mary's guard contingent is headed by 6-1 junior Paul Pickett (13.6/9.5 assists/33 steals) and 6-3 junior Billy Knox (5.4), while 6-2 freshman Paul Robertson is set to go after redshirting a year ago. Newly arrived on the back line are 6-0 JUCO transfer Gerry Karczewski and 6-4 incoming freshman Bryan Shaw.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Gaels cracked the .500 barrier behind standout Thibaux last season, but with him missing the 1983-84 campaign could be another red ink proposition for Coach Oates' squad. Back court play will be solid for this year's Gaels but the front line is bound to suffer without Thibaux' scoring and rebounding.

San Diego (12-14)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Avg.**

Last year's fourth place finish was the Toreros best since joining the WCAC in 1980. Coach Jim Brovelli's club closed the 1982-83 campaign strong, winning four of their final six games, and the hope is that late momentum will spill over into the coming season.

Heading San Diego's front line is 6-7 senior forward Mike Whitmarsh (15.3/5.3), a first team all-league pick a year ago, while other holdovers slated for extensive duty on the inside are 6-7 junior Anthony Reuss (4.5/3.7), 6-8 senior Dave McIver (3.9/2.5) and 6-9 soph Mario Coronado (2.2/1.6). Newcomers to this area include the frosh threesome of 6-11 Scott Thompson, who averaged 29.5 points and 16.2 rebounds his final prep year, 6-8 Steve Krallman, 6-7 Nils Madden along with 6-5 JUCO transfer Mark Bostic. Also, 6-10 soph Joe Fish returns after redshirting last season.

A replacement must be found for top scorer and assists leader Rich Davis, but the Toreros do return two backcourtters who started 1982-83 games in seniors 6-5 Bill Penfold (2.7) and 6-0 John Prunty (6.6). A trio of new guard prospects are two JUCO products, 6-4 Chris Carr and 6-3 Al Moscatel, plus 5-10 freshman Eric Musselman.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Toreros have improved each year of their WCAC membership and that trend has a good chance of continuing in 1983-84. Prospects are good for a plus-.500 finish by this year's San Diego cagers, who also figure to play a key role in deciding the WCAC title issue.

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Nevada-Las Vegas (28-4)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

It's a tall order that faces veteran UNLV skipper Jerry Tarkanian at the forward positions, where Tark the Shark must replace Sidney Green and Larry Anderson, both 1,000-point career scorers and four-year regulars. But you know Tark. He's always got a load of talent stockpiled away for just such rainy days.

The Runnin' Rebs will again follow the lead of 6-2 senior Danny Tarkanian (7.1), who over the past two years has handed out an incredible total of 548 assists. He is the son of UNLV skipper Jerry Tarkanian and like his father, Danny is known for his headiness and court sense. At the other guard spot, 6-2 senior Jeff Collins (11.1) is a tireless worker with great leaping skills, as is the chief back court reserve, 6-4 senior Eric Booker (6.8). Newly minted guards, both incoming freshmen, are 6-2 Fred Banks, rated the finest player to ever come out of the Las Vegas prep ranks, and 6-5 Ricky Collier.

It's up front where the Rebs will need the most work since the only two returnees with any genuine experience is the senior duo of 6-10 Paul Brozovich and 6-5 Tom Roberts. New recruits in this area include two JUCO transfers, 6-8 Ed Catchings and 6-7 Frank "Spoon" James, along with 6-9 freshman Richard Robinson plus 6-9 junior John Flowers, a transfer from the U of Indiana. Catchings was a first-team JC All-American last year while frosh signee Robinson has been labeled "THE dominating big man west of the Mississippi" by the B/C Scouting Service.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The dual loss of Green and Anderson, both NBA draftees, will require some front line adjustment by Coach Tarkanian. But like we said, Tark the Shark always has talent in abundance in the Runnin' Rebs camp, and once this team gells look for UNLV to make a spirited run at winning another PCAA title in 1983-84.



Cal State-Fullerton's superb guard Leon Wood set an all-time college basketball assists record last year when he dished off 319 times.

Fullerton State (21-8)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Avg.

If any PCAA team has a shot in 1983-84 at knocking powerful Nevada-Las Vegas off the league's top rung, it has to be the Titans of Coach George McQuarn. And if any player in the PCAA truly has All-America aspirations for this season, it has to be Fullerton's superb 6-3 senior point guard Leon Wood.

A year ago, Wood led the Titans with an 18.1 ppg scoring average while his 319 assists set an all-time college basketball record. Number two scorer Ricky Mixon has been lost to graduation at the other back court spot, and it's expected 6-6 junior Gary Davis (11.2) will fill that hole after starting at forward last season. This year's recruiting harvest turned up the JUCO transfer pair of 6-2 Darnell Fletcher and 6-4 Kevin Henderson, along with 6-5 freshman Jon Samuelson, selected the CIF 2A "Player of the Year" his final prep campaign.

Two-thirds of the starting front line will again be made up of 6-11 senior center Ozell Jones (11.0/7.1) and 6-6 junior Tony Neal (8.7/10.0), while battling for Davis' old small forward spot will be 6-5 senior Johnny Wilkes (3.0/2.9) and 6-6 JUCO transfer Rob Otis. Also, Coach McQuarn is hopeful 6-7 senior DeWayne Shepard (5.0/5.2) mends completely after off-season knee surgery. If not, Shepard will be redshirted this year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After finishing with a solid 12-4 PCAA mark last season, including handling UNLV its only league defeat, this could be the Titans year to howl. Strong no matter where you look is this Fullerton team, and come the end of the 1983-84 campaign, the Titans could be perched atop of the PCAA.

Cal-Irvine (16-12)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Above Avg.

Back up the PCAA ladder should go this year's Anteaters, who slipped to fifth in the league standings last season. But with every player save one returning from 1982-83 and a handful of fine recruits arriving, Coach Bill Mulligan's Cal-Irvine cagers figure to be strong PCAA title contenders.

Up front, the Anteaters return for starting action 6-8 senior Ben McDonald (15.2/7.6), who has now started 85 consecutive games for Cal-Irvine, 6-9 senior Bob Thornton (12.0/6.0) and 6-7 soph Ronnie Grandison (6.1/3.6). Veteran backups in this area are 6-9 soph Tod Murphy (8.7/5.4) and 6-6 junior Troy Carmon (7.5/3.4), while 6-9 soph Rick Ciaccio returns after redshirting last season. New front line additions are 6-6 JUCO transfer James Rhodes and 6-7 freshman Tom Tolbert, who was chosen CIF 2-A co-player-of-the-year and averaged 30.4 ppg his final prep campaign.

Cal-Irvine's top 1982-83 scorer and assists man, 6-2 senior George Turner (15.6/15.0 feeds), and fellow 6-2 senior Michael Beans (4.0) are once more the guard regulars. Experienced back line help will come from 5-7 junior Brian Mulligan, while a trio of incoming JUCO transfers are 6-1 Derrick Johnson, 6-1 Raymond Lankford and 6-0 Jerome Lee.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is a deep, veteran-dominated Anteater team Bill Mulligan will lead into the 1983-84 season, sparked by two of the PCAA's premier players in power forward McDonald and guard Turner. As such, Cal-Irvine will be among the loudest of PCAA title bidders this season.

Utah State (20-9)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

The fourth most dramatic turnaround in NCAA cage history, that's what the Aggies enjoyed last season, turning the shambles of 4-23 two seasons ago into 20-9 and a 1982-83 NCAA Tourney invite. This time around, there may be no stopping Coach Rod Tueller's experience-rich Ags from marching right over probable pre-season PCAA favorite Nevada-Las Vegas for the league hardwood title.

Pacing a rather smallish but always scrappy Aggie front line is the forward threesome of 6-7 soph Greg Grant (14.7/9.1), 1982-83 PCAA "freshman of the year," 6-7 senior Ron Ence (12.9/6.3) and 6-5 senior Michael McCullough (11.3/4.0). They were last year's 1-2-3 scorers while Grant and Ence ran 1-2 in board sweeping. Two tallish but thus far underproductive in-

side returnees are 6-10 junior Gary Beck and 6-11 soph Ron Hansen. Freshmen front line additions are 6-8 Danny Conway, 6-6 Jeff Anderson and 6-5 projected swing man Reid Newey.

Utah State's back court kingpin is 6-5 senior Chris McMullin (10.9), while lettermen bidding for the graduated Lance Washington's point man job are 6-1 Junior Joel Rotta (2.1), 6-3 senior Bob DeMarco (3.7) and 6-2 soph Jerome Wiley (1.2). Also, putting his two cents in after redshirting last year is the Aggie skipper's son, 6-1 soph Tann Tueller. The new guard candidate who elicits the most excitement in Logan is a JUCO transfer best noted for his scoring prowess, 6-2 Vince Washington, a 20-plus ppg scorer his final JC year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The 1983-84 Ags have all the tools to end UNLV's league title reign at one after finishing a close third a year ago. Coach Tueller's is a team of both abundant savvy and depth, which clearly marks the Aggies as a club to watch in the coming PCAA championship race.



Greg Grant of Utah earned the PCAA's "freshman of the year" award in '82-'83 as he netted 14.7 ppg and grabbed 9.1 rebounds.

Fresno State (25-10)

Starters Returning-3

Schedule-Avg.

Bulldog cage fans have taken to calling Selland Arena, where FSU plays its home games, "Grant's Tomb" out of respect for the marvelous job Boyd Grant has done since coming to the school as hoop mentor. The highlight for Grant and the Bulldogs was winning the NIT title last season, and returning off that squad are three starters including one of college basketball's premier forward tandems, seniors Ron Anderson and Bernard Thompson.

A year ago, the 6-7 Anderson (16.3/5.8) and the 6-6½ Thompson (16.2/5.9) had almost identical stats and will again spearhead a Bulldog front line also returning 6-11 senior Dave Mosebar, 6-10 soph Mark Gustin and 6-5 senior swing man

Cleave Lewis. Also back after redshirting last season is 6-8 junior Scott Barnes while turned up in this year's recruiting haul was 6-7 freshman Derrick Riley.

Graduation claimed ace point guard Tyrone Bradley out of the back court but returning for starting duty is 6-4 senior Mitch Arnold (7.8). A trio of soph letter-winners after the guard vacancy are 6-1 Mario Ellis, 6-4 Marvin Carter and 6-0 Charlie Smith while two new back line prospects are 6-0 JUCO transfer Ron Strain and 6-4 freshman Jim Hart, the second leading scorer (31.8) in the California prep ranks last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Fresh from their NIT championship season, the Bulldogs of Boyd Grant are primed for another banner year in 1983-84 led by their super forward combo of Anderson and Thompson. And very little should stand in FSU's way in that quest, either!

Long Beach State (13-16)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

A new era is unfolding at Cal State-Long Beach, where former Nevada-Las Vegas assistant Dave Buss has taken the 49er head coaching reins. Of what Buss inherits from his successor, Tex Winter, the best of the bunch are a pair of guards who could make up the PCAA's premier back court duo, Joedy Gardner and Ricky Smith, along with rising soph center standout Ivan Verberckt.

The senior guard tandem of 6-4 Gardner (15.7/97 assists) and 5-11 Smith (11.0/118 feeds) headlines a veteran 49er back court also returning 6-3 senior Vince Singleton (1.2) and 5-11 junior Cardell Taylor (2.9). The initial Long Beach recruiting harvest of the Buss administration produced a pair of frosh guard prospects, 6-2 Darin Chambers, reputedly the best player in five years out of the Milwaukee prep ranks, along with 6-4 Kennedy Dixon.

Up front, 6-11 soph pivot Verberckt (8.4/4.4/school record 55 blocked shots) will be looked to for increased inside scoring to offset the graduation of Sam Mosby, Michael Zeno and Reggie Payne, who combined to average over 32 ppg last season. Clouding the front line picture further is that the only other returnee to this area with a minimum of letter-winning experience is 6-7 senior Craig Lack (1.0/0.8). Coming off an injured redshirt year is 6-7 junior Darryl Adams while the last of this year's freshman recruits, 6-7 Tony Pope, was a high school teammate of guard signee Kennedy at Lakewood HS, where both earned All-South Coast honors.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by their banner guard duo of Gardner and Smith, the 49ers are shooting for a return to plus-.500 status this season. But that will never come to pass unless new skipper Buss can fill the huge holes created in Long Beach State's front line.

Santa Barbara (7-20)

Starters Returning—3 **Schedule—Avg.**

It's been seven years since the Gauchos last posted a winning hardcourt record, but there's a sense of excitement at Santa Barbara with Jerry Pimm taking the team's coaching reins. During a previous stint at Utah, Pimm led that school to a composite 173-86 mark and five NCAA Tournaments, so one thing's certain — he knows how to win.

Pimm inherits a veteran front line best represented by 6-6 senior Frank Horwath (7.3/4.0), 6-7 soph Scott Fischer (6.9/4.2) and 6-8 junior Michael Martin (3.4/1.6). In all, new skipper Pimm and his staff brought in five frosh inside prospects in 6-10 Dan Bennett, 6-9 Steve Brockmeyer, 6-7 Lawson Smith, 6-9 Ethan Swenson and 6-8 Richard Rentrop while 6-7 soph Mark Hertenstein is eligible after redshirting last year following his transfer from Nevada-Reno.

In the back court, returning are three players who started games a year ago in 6-6 soph Conner Henry (5.1) and the senior duo of 6-3 Dedrick Brooks (4.2) and 6-0 Tony Hopkins (2.1). Additionally, 6-1 soph Richard Townsend returns after redshirting the 1982-83 campaign. This year's lone new guard is 6-5 freshman Tim DePriest, an outstanding shooter who last year led Santa Maria's St. Joseph's HS to a 26-1 mark.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Gaucho cage fans are excited about having Jerry Pimm taking command of the program, and in time Pimm should turn around UCSB's losing ways. But in 1983-84, the Gauchos will struggle for everything they get.

San Jose State (14-15)

Starters Returning—1 **Schedule—Avg.**

It is a positively Herculean rebuilding task that faces Spartan hardwood mentor Bill Berry, who must find replacements for four starters and last year's top six scorers. And just think — even with those guys, last year's SJSU cagers finished only 14-15.

The leading pointmakers among the returnees are both guards, 6-1 junior Michael Dixon (5.1/138 assists) and 6-2 soph Bobby Evans (2.3), while 6-0 soph Vic Watson (1.3) earned a 1982-83 monogram. Back after redshirting last season is 6-1 soph Ward Farris, while the first of a large Spartan recruiting class are frosh guard prospects 6-5 George Puou and 6-1 Kevin Richardson along with 6-3 JUCO transfer Eric Williams. "Eric (Williams) is probably, talent-wise, as good a guard as we've had since I've been here," states Coach Berry. Williams fired in 24.0 ppg his final JC year.

Inside, SJSU's lone experienced holdover is 6-6 junior Keith Norwood (1.3/0.9), while a second 1982-83 redshirt, 6-6 junior Craig Allison, is raring to go inside. Newcomers are 6-8 JUCO products John Nord and Matt Fleming, 6-7 soph Len Carter and the frosh duo of rugged 6-6 Stony Evans and 6-8 Gerald Thomas.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This almost has to be another losing year for the Spartans and in point of fact, this team could be headed for the PCAA basement unless SJSU's newcomers immediately produce in a big way.

Pacific (7-21)

Starters Returning—4 **Schedule—Above Avg.**

Youth is still the dominant theme for the Tigers of second-year mentor Tom O'Neill, who last season started two freshmen and a sophomore in UOP's front line. "Last year, we established a philosophy and set a course for our program," notes O'Neill on the dawn of the 1983-84 campaign. "I feel we have the type of players who are willing to work and are talented enough to build a solid program."

On the inside, the Tigers boast two of the PCAA's finest young talents in the soph duo of 6-8 Rich Anema (12.9/5.9) and 6-8 Andy Franklin (10.8/6.1), both selected to last year's all-freshman team. Last season's second leading scorer behind Anema, 6-5 junior Drew Rodgers (12.4/5.1), heads a remaining veteran front line cast of 6-7 senior Graham Taylor (6.1/4.2) and 6-7 junior Kevin Crabtree (4.2/2.5), who had 19 starts between them in 1982-83, along with 6-10 junior Dave Karkenny and 6-6 soph Greg Davis. Coming on board is touted 6-9 freshman Brent Counts, a two-time Oregon prep all-state selection and the son of former college and NBA standout Mel Counts.

Shooting guard Laurence Held has graduated from UOP's back court, but 6-1 senior John Leidenheimer (3.1) returns at the point spot after handing out 141 assists last season. Letterman out to fill the vacant back court spot are 6-3 soph Dean Andretta (4.7) and 6-2 soph Don Thomas (1.9), while also returning after redshirting a year ago with a broken hand is 6-0 freshman point guard Kyle Pepple. This year's frosh harvest yielded 6-5 Jeff Riebel, who will also swing to forward.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although still on the youngish side, this will be a better Tiger cage squad in 1983-84, but only modestly so. A better won-loss mark should be UOP's destiny this season, but it's doubtful they can crack the .500 plateau.

New Mexico State (18-11)

Starters Returning—2 **Schedule—Avg.**

The big news in Las Cruces is that the Aggies have left the Missouri Valley Conference to join the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, and Coach Weldon Drew's 1983-84 squad will be playing a full PCAA slate — but playing it without top scorer and NBA draftee Earnest Patterson plus two other regulars.

Patterson's 19.5 ppg will be missed out front but the Aggies do boast an outstanding holdover point guard regular in 6-3 senior Steve Colter (16.2/130 assists). Two other returnees to this area who saw part-time starting duty a year ago are 6-5 Wendell Wright (2.5) and 6-7 Orlando Febres (1.8), both sophomores, while new on the scene is the frosh duo of 6-2 Todd Eubanks and 6-0 Gerald Wright.

Up front, the Ags welcome back four players who saw star-

ting 1982-83 duty in the senior threesome of 6-7 Lindsay McElmell (10.2/4.7), 6-7 Irv Hairston (3.5/1.1) and 6-8 Frank Rodriguez (2.0/2.1) along with 6-7 soph Elston Jones (3.5/1.7). Inside help is further expected from a trio of JUCO transfers, 6-9 David Smith, 6-8 Andre Patterson and 6-7 William Love while 6-8 Victor Richardson is back and still retains freshman eligibility after redshirting last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Aggies finished 18-11 and 17-11 their final two years in the MVC and should boast another strong unit in their first PCAA season. Led by point guard Colter, NMSU should approach their victory totals of the past two years in 1983-84.

Big Sky

Montana (21-8)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Led by do-it-all forward Derrick Pope, the BSC's "player of the year," last season's Grizzlies streaked to the school's best roundball record since 1977-78. But with Pope plus starting center Craig Larsen missing in the front line, Coach Mike Montgomery's string of five straight winning seasons could be in jeopardy this year.

Slated to take over for Pope and Larsen at forward and center are, respectively, 6-9 soph Larry Krystkowiak (4.9/4.3), voted the league's top reserve his frosh campaign, and 6-10 soph redshirt Larry McBride. Returning at his customary forward spot is 6-5 senior Rob Hurley (8.1/3.6), while two more front line vets are 6-6 senior Jim Caler (3.1/1.0) and 6-6 junior Bruce Burns (2.6/2.6). Also back after redshirting a year ago is 6-8 soph John Bates, with this year's frosh recruiting hunt turning up 6-9 Steve Vanek.

In the back court, the Grizzlies return 6-5 senior Doug Selvig (10.6/12.1 assists) and 6-3 senior Marc Glass (10.4/10.0 feeds), both of whom started all 29 games a year ago. There probably isn't a better guard duo in the Big Sky than Selvig and Glass. Veteran back line help will be provided by 6-0 junior letterman Leroy Washington (1.7), while new arrivals to this area, both freshmen, are 6-0 Scott Zanon and 6-5 swing man Herb Jones.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The dual loss of Pope and Larsen is bound to somewhat diminish play in the Grizzly front line, but Selvig and Glass make up for it with their stellar performances out front. Put down this year's Grizzlies as potential first division Big Sky finishers again.

Idaho State (10-17)

Starters Returning—4

Schedule—Above Avg.

The fast-closing Bengals won their final four games of the 1982-83 season, numbering BSC champ Weber State and defending titlist Idaho among their late victims. That momentum should continue into the 1983-84 campaign, too, since only one starter is missing and ISU skipper Wayne Ballard enjoyed an excellent recruiting year.

Up front, the Bengals return for regular action the senior threesome of 6-5 Buck Chavez (13.4/6.0), 6-7 Mike Denkers (10.9/4.2) and 6-8 Mike Williams (10.9/6.8). Two more inside holdovers who started 1982-83 games are 6-6 senior Doug Moratzka (4.4/3.1) and 6-7 soph Darek Robinson (1.4/1.3). New arrivals here are 6-4 JUCO transfer Nelson Peterson, who'll pull swing man duty, and the frosh duo of 6-9 Utah prep all-stater Greg Houskeeper and 6-5 Bobby Jones. Peterson is a much-sought JC prospect from Lon Morris College in Texas.

Quarterbacking ISU's offense again will be 5-11 senior point guard Tony Malveaux (4.3/12.5 assists), while first crack at filling the graduated Jackie Fleury's shooting guard shoes will go to 6-3 soph letterman Ronald McCants (3.4). In addition to swing man Peterson, the JC ranks also provided the Bengals with 6-5 Phil Rohr, while a trio of frosh guard prospects are 6-3 Idaho prep all-state selection Marques Montgomery, 6-4 Chris Blocker and 6-1 Fred Demerson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Back up the BSC ladder should this year's ISU cagers be headed, what with momentum on

their side not to mention veteran talent and fine incoming players. A plus .500 finish and first division league niche should also be the Bengals in 1983-84.



Montana State's Jeff Epperly goes for the slam against Idaho State.

Montana State (10-17)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

New Bobcat skipper Stu Starnier inherits five regulars and has brought in six of his own recruits, but Starnier is making no predictions regarding the 1983-84 campaign and his team's prospects. "This will be a year of transition," says Starnier, "I'm not about to predict how we'll do."

Up front for MSU, answering the starting call again will be 6-11 junior center Tryg Johnson (10.5/7.1) and the forward tandem of 6-6 senior Chris Brazier (11.9/4.5) and 6-7 junior Phil Layher (7.8/5.7). Three new arrivals to this area who should fit in nicely are 6-4 JUCO transfer Joel Washington and a pair of freshmen, 6-4 Kral Ferch, winner of the "Hertz Award" as the state of Montana's top prepster, and 6-6 Cary Hall.

A fixture at one guard for the 'Cats is 6-4 junior Jeff Epperly (12.7/13.9 assists) while two other back line holdovers who started games a year ago are 6-5 junior Craig Kilborn (5.1) and 6-3 soph Rob Shelquist (4.5). A pair of diminutive but good ball handling JUCO transfers looked to for point guard help are 5-9 Larry Hamilton and 5-11 Tony Hampton with 6-2 freshman Scott Hurley also coming on board after having led the state of Montana in scoring (29.3) his final scholastic season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It is a nice blend of experience and newcomers first year Bobcat skipper Stu Starnier has at

his disposal, so look for an improved won-lost mark as well as a move up the Big Sky ladder for the 1983-84 MSU round-ballers.

Boise State (10-17)

Starters Returning—5

Schedule—Avg.

'Tis a pleasant situation new Bronco skipper Bobby Dye is walking into, inheriting as he does all five BSU starters including last year's fourth highest Big Sky scorer, guard Vince Hinch. Add to that Dye's own recruiting harvest and the return of two talented players who redshirted last season, and you have a much stronger 1983-84 Bronco cage squad.

Hinch, a 6-5 senior with a 42-inch vertical leap, stuffed the hoop for 17.7 ppg a year ago and he headlines a veteran BSU back court also returning for full-time duty 6-3 junior point man Mike Hazel (8.2/97 assists). New to this area is the JUCO transfer threesome of 5-11 Scott DeBrouwer, 6-2 Frank Jackson and 6-0 Jack Kleppe.

Inside, BSU welcomes back a quartet of players who started games last season in 6-8 senior Rawn Hayes (10.8/5.6), 6-7 junior Bruce Bolden (9.7/7.1), 6-7 senior James McNorton (9.3/5.0) and 6-6 senior Ron Grossart (8.9/2.3). Ready to go again after redshirting in 1982-83 is the frosh duo of 6-8 John Martin and 6-5 Jim Rockholt, while this year's freshman class contains 6-9 Jeff Kelly.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With the veteran-dominated cut of this year's Broncos, it certainly appears this club can push its won-lost record back above .500. And you can also put down the 1983-84 BSU cagers as first division Big Sky contenders.

Idaho (20-9)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule—Above Avg.

Don Monson, who led the Vandals to a brilliant 100-41 record in five seasons, has left Idaho to assume similar duties at Oregon. Replacing him is former Santa Rosa Junior College skipper Bill Trumbo, who brought along with him from Santa Rosa the transfer duo of 6-6 Frank Garza and 5-11 Terrel Cagle along with a third California JUCO product, Fullerton JC's 6-5 Dan Wright.

Garza and Wright, both forward prospects, join a Vandal front line already numbering in the way of vets 6-7 senior Pete Prigge (7.1/5.6), 6-6 junior Zane Frazier (2.5/2.0), 6-8 soph E.C. Morgan (2.4/1.4) and the squad's tallest member, 6-10 soph Pete Reitz (0.0/0.8). In addition to JCers Garza and Wright, Idaho's front line recruiting efforts also turned up the frosh threesome of 6-7 Tom Stalick, 6-5 Steve Adams and 6-4 Ulf Spears.

Out front, 6-0 senior Stan Arnold (9.2/95 assists) returns at point guard, but three-time all-league pick Brian Kellerman has graduated at the other back line spot. Vying for Kellerman's old berth are Cagle, 6-4 senior letterman Freeman Watkins (3.5), 6-3 soph redshirt Matt Haskins and 6-2 incoming freshman Ernest Sanders.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Vandals raced to 20 or more wins their last three years under Don Monson, but new skipper Trumbo inherits a team minus not only ace guard Kellerman, but also all-league forward Phil Hopson and two-year pivot regular Kelvin Smith. The victory column will not be so full, therefore, for the 1983-84 Vandals, who may even be in danger of slipping into the Big Sky's second division.

Northern Arizona (10-16)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Above Avg.

Fresh from a highly successful stint at Grand Canyon College, a nationally ranked NAIA power last season, Jay Arnote has taken NAU's head coaching helm. Arnote, bequeathed three regulars by departed Lumberjack mentor Gene Visscher, brought in six new recruits of his own, all of which might enable this year's Axers to climb back above .500.

Two-thirds of NAU's starting front line returns in 6-7 senior pivot man Mike Elliott (6.8/6.6) and 6-5 soph Andy Hurd (9.2/3.1), while trying to nail down the final inside spot is 6-7 junior letterman Paul Pendergast (4.3/3.2). Pendergast's plans, however could be foiled by any of a quartet of new recruits including 6-6

JUCO transfers David Allen and Darrell Daniels along with the frosh tandem of 6-7 David Duane and 6-6 Jim Olson. Duane was an Arizona prep all-stater his final year at Tempe's Corona del Sol HS.

Leading NAU's veteran back court contingent is 6-1 junior Jeff Altman (10.2/107 assists) with monogram winning help from 6-3 senior Eric Bradley (2.6) and 6-3 soph Terrence Sims (1.7). Newly arrived here are 6-3 JUCO product Darrell Patterson and 6-3 freshman Harry Payne, a high school teammate of forward recruit Duane at Corona del Sol.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The graduation of 1-2 scorers Eric Wade and Rick Rodriguez is bound to put somewhat of a crimp in this year's NAU plans. But new skipper Arnote has enough on hand augmented by his own recruiting cache to enable the Grizzlies to shoot for a winning record in 1983-84.

Weber State (23-8)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Avg.

Over the years, the Wildcats have variously been called Weader State, Weaver State and Webner State among other misnomers. But after the way Coach Neil McCarthy's 1982-83 'Cats ran roughshod through the Big Sky (including winning the league's post-season tourney and a berth in the NAAs), folks are discovering the correct pronunciation for this school is We-eee-ber State with the long "E."

The deepest area of this year's Wildcats is the back court, with 6-1 senior Greg Jones (8.5) and 6-2 senior John Price (7.9/151 assists) returning for starting action, with solid senior veterans 5-10 Thomas Larry (3.9) and 6-0 Richard Escandon (3.6) in reserve. Two new recruits, both of whom figure to swing between guard and forward, are 6-4 JUCO transfer Charles Carradine and 6-5 incoming freshman Terrell Clayton.

The up front bulwark for the 'Cats is last year's leading scorer, 6-7 junior forward Randy Worster (12.3/4.7), but the only other holdovers of much consequence are 6-9 soph Darryle McDaniel and 6-5 soph Dale Baum, both of whom lettered as frosh reserves. All but assured of nailing down the other two starting jobs inside are 7-0 JUCO product Shawn Campbell and 6-7 junior Kevin Linder, a transfer from Vanderbilt. Also arriving via the JUCO ranks are 6-8 Martin Nish and 6-5 Kent Hagan.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Graduation cost the 'Cats all-league forward Royal Edwards and center Tom Heywood up front, but Vanderbilt transfer Linder and seven-foot JC recruit Campbell should be able to adequately fill those voids. And with that, and what may be the BSC's premier guard corps, look for the 1983-84 Wildcats to again challenge for league title honors.

Nevada (Reno) (17-10)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule—Above Avg.

After posting records of 19-9 and 18-11 the past two years, the victory column could be less often visited by Coach Sonny Allen's 1983-84 Wolfpack. Gone are three regulars including two-time BSC scoring champ Ken "Tree" Green and playmaking wizard Billy Allen, who dished out 468 assists over the past two years.

UNR's deepest area in terms of experienced returnees is the back court, where 6-3 Dannie Jones (8.7), a starter 20 times last season, 6-4 junior Rick Gosse (3.4) and 5-11 junior John Welch (1.7) head the experienced cast. Also, 6-1 junior Curtis High (brother of former Wolfpack great Johnny High) is back after redshirting a year ago. Via the JUCO ranks, guard prospects added were 6-4 Roosevelt Brown, Arizona JC "player of the year," and 6-5 Mike Parillo, while a pair of freshmen backliners are 6-1 Tony Ronzone and 5-11 Troy Miles.

Up front, the 'Pack stands to greatly benefit from the return of 6-6 soph Quentin Stephens (4.1/5.0 through 11 games, eight of which he started), who fell victim to bad grades early last year. Otherwise, though, UNR's inside cast will be all-new and consisting of the JUCO transfer threesome of 6-8 Todd Wallen, 6-6 Ed Porter and 6-5 Tony Sommers with 6-8 freshman Uvonte Reed also coming on board. Reed was Arizona's prep "player of the year."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Less formidable will this year's Wolfpack be, having lost six of last year's top seven scorers. And from this corner, it appears the 1983-84 UNR cagers are headed for both a losing record and second division Big Sky finish.

College Schedules

AIR FORCE

N25-26IPTAY Tourney	J28	at Brigham Young
N29 Doane	J30	at Utah
D3 Montana	F2	San Diego St
D6 US International	F4	Hawaii
D9 Mesa	F7	Regis
D27-28 Music City Tourney	F11	at Colorado St
J3 at Hawaii	F13	Wyoming
J7 at Texas-El Paso	F15	Adams St
J12 Colorado St	F20	at New Mexico
J16 at Wyoming	F25	Utah
J19 New Mexico	F27	Brigham Young
J23 Texas-El Paso	M3	at San Diego St

AKRON

N26 at Ohio St	J16	Utica
D3 E Michigan	J19	at Tennessee Tech
D7 Hiram	J21	at M Tennessee
D10 Bowling Green	J26	E Kentucky
D13 Central St	J28	Morehead St
D16 at Jacksonville	J31	N Carolina-Wilmington
D17 at S Florida	F4	Youngstown St
D21 at Kent St	F9	at E Kentucky
J4 Davis & Elkins	F11	at Morehead St
J6 at Youngstown St	F16	at Murray St
J9 Maryland-E Shore	F18	at Austin Peay
J12 Murray St	F23	Tennessee Tech
J14 Austin Peay		
F25 M Tennessee		

AMERICAN

N29 George Mason	J23	at Hofstra
D2-3 Malibu Classic	J25	Navy
D5 at USC	J30	George Washington
D8 Towson State	F1	Drexel
D17 Georgetown	F4	at Lafayette
D28-29 Rochester Classic	F11	at Towson State
J7 at Drexel	F18	Bucknell
J9 Lafayette	F20	at Randolph-Macon
J11 Rider	F22	at Rider
J14 at Bucknell	F25	Hofstra
J16 James Madison	F29	Delaware
J18 at Delaware	M2	Lehigh
J21 at Lehigh		

APPALACHIAN STATE

N28 Augusta College	J28	at The Citadel
D2-3 at Evansville Tour	J30	at Furman
D8 Lenoir-Rhyne College	F1	Palmetto All-Stars
D10 at Wake Forest	F4	Davidson
D28-29 New Holiday Tny	F8	at Campbell
J4 at Georgia Tech	F8	Furman
J10 UT-Chattanooga	F11	at VMI
J11 at Duke	F13	at Marshall
J14 VMI	F16	at Davidson
J18 at W Carolina	F18	W Carolina
J21 The Citadel	F20	E Tennessee St
J23 Marshall	F25	Campbell
J26 at E Tennessee St	F27	at UT-Chattanooga

ARIZONA

N19 Athletes in Action	J21	Arizona St
N25 N Arizona	J26	at Oregon St
D1 Cal St-Fullerton	J28	at Oregon
D3 at Providence	F2	California
D5 at Iowa St	F4	Stanford
D10 Pan American	F9	at Washington St
D17 at San Diego St	F11	at Washington
D23 Tennessee	F18	at Arizona St
D27-28 Sun Bowl Classic	F23	Oregon
J2 Fort Hays St	F25	Oregon St
J5 at USC	M1	at Stanford
J7 at UCLA	M3	at California
J12 Washington	M8	UCLA
J14 Washington St	M10	USC

ARKANSAS

N18 Czechoslovakia Team	J18	at Texas
N25-27 Great Alaska Shootout	J21	Texas Tech
D1 SE Missouri St	J27	at Rice
D5 E Tennessee St	J29	at Villanova
D8 at SW Missouri St	F4	Baylor
D10 at Nebraska	F8	at Texas A&M
D17 Open	F11	at SMU
D21 Alabama St	F12	N Carolina
D28 St. Peter's	F15	TCU
D30 Austin Peay	F18	Texas
J4 at Baylor	F22	at Texas Tech
J7 Texas A&M	F25	at Houston
J11 SMU	F29	Rice
J14 at TCU	M4	Houston

ARKANSAS STATE

N19 Palmetto Stars	J26	at N Texas St
D2-3 Amara-Hawkeye	J28	Texas-Arlington
D6 at Oklahoma	F2	Evangel
D8 Belhaven	F4	at McNeese St
D10 at Ark.-Little Rock	F9	Lamar
D17 Arkansas-Little Rock	F11	at Louisiana Tech
D30 Kansas Newman	F16	at NE Louisiana
J3 Missouri-Rolla	F18	N Texas St
J5 SW Missouri St	F20	Miss. Valley St
J7 at Miss. Valley St	F23	at Texas-Arlington
J10 Tennessee St	F25	at SW Missouri St
J14 at Lamar	F27	McNeese St
J19 Louisiana Tech	M1	at Tennessee St
J21 NE Louisiana		

ARMY

N26 at U of San Diego	J18	Fairfield
D1 Holy Cross	J21	at St. Peter's
D3 Harvard	J24	Colgate
D5 Delaware	J26	Manhattan
D10 Merchant Marine	J28	at Holy Cross
D13 at Yale	F1	at Northeastern
D29-30 Blade-Glass Classic	F4	at LaSalle
J2 at Jacksonville	F8	Fordham
J4 at Stetson	F11	at Iona
J7 LaSalle	F15	at Fairfield
J11 at Fordham	F18	St. Peter's
J14 Iona	F21	at Manhattan
J16 Dartmouth	F25	Navy

AUBURN

N18 Marathon Oil	J22	at Georgia
N28 Columbus College	J24	at Tennessee
D2 at Alabama Birm.	J27	LSU
D5 at Florida St	J31	Ole Miss
D8-9 Colonial Classic	F5	at Florida
D14 at Mercer	F11	at Kentucky
D19 E Kentucky	F13	at Vanderbilt
D22 at Mississippi St	F18	Georgia
D27-28 Gator Bowl Tourney	F20	Tennessee
J5 at Alabama	F25	at LSU
J7 Florida	F27	at Ole Miss
J13 Kentucky	M1	Miss St
J17 Vanderbilt	M3	Alabama

AUSTIN PEAY

N29 Belmont	J24	Georgia St
D3 Bethune-Cookman	J26	at M Tennessee
D10-11 Drake Invitational	J28	at Tennessee Tech
D16-17 Tennessee Classic	F3	at Murray St
D19 Paine	F9	M Tennessee
D21 at Vanderbilt	F11	Tennessee Tech
D30 at Arkansas	F16	Youngstown St
J3 Georgia College	F18	Akron
J5 at Georgia St	F23	at Morehead St
J12 at Youngstown St	F25	at E Kentucky
J14 at Akron	F28	Tennessee St
J17 Morehead St	M1	Murray St
J21 E Kentucky		

BALL STATE

N28 at Drake	J25	N Illinois
D3 at Indiana St	J28	at Kent St
D7 at E Illinois	F1	at Miami
D10 Memphis St	F4	Ohio
D16 Butler	F8	at C Michigan
D19-20 Cardinal Classic	F11	Bowling Green
D29-30 Hoosier Classic	F15	at E Michigan
J4 W Michigan	F18	Toledo
J7 at Ohio	F22	at N Illinois
J11 C Michigan	F25	Kent St
J14 at Bowling Green	F29	Miami
J18 E Michigan	M3	at W Michigan
J21 at Toledo		

BAYLOR

N22 Yugoslavia	J18	TCU
N28 Tarleton St U	J21	at Texas
N29 Presbyterian U	J25	at Texas Tech
D2-3 Iowa Classic	J28	Houston
D7 Texas-Arlington	F1	Rice
D10 N Texas St	F4	at Arkansas
D13 Texas-San Antonio	F11	Texas A&M
D17 at Alabama-Birm.	F15	at SMU
D19 at Clemson	F18	at TCU
D27-28 Golden Triangle	F22	Texas
J4 Arkansas	F25	Texas Tech
J11 at Texas A&M	F29	at Houston
J14 SMU	M3	at Rice

BOISE STATE

N26 St. Martins	J21	at Idaho
D1 Portland	J26	Nevada-Reno
D3 Gonzaga	J28	N Arizona
D8 Wyoming	F2	at Idaho St
D10 Fresno St	F4	at Weber St
D17 Chicago St	F9	Montana St
D21 BYU (Hawaii)	F11	Montana
D23 at Brigham Young	F18	Idaho
D27-28 Far West Classic	F23	at N Arizona
J7 E Washington	F25	at Nevada-Reno
J12 at Montana	M1	Weber St
J14 at Montana St	M3	Idaho St
J19 at E Washington		

BOSTON COLLEGE

N27 Stonehill	J18	Northeastern
N30 Maine	J21	at Syracuse
D3 New Hampshire	J23	at Georgetown
D5 Tugot Sound	J28	Seton Hall
D7 Brown	J31	Connecticut
D13 at Rhode Island	F4	at Pittsburgh
D17 Holy Cross	F6	Villanova
D24 at Maryland	F11	Providence
D29-30 Hoosier Classic	F13	at St. John's
J4 Pittsburgh	F22	Syracuse
J7 at Villanova	F25	Georgetown
J11 at Providence	F29	at Seton Hall
J14 St. John's	M3	at Connecticut

BOSTON U

N26 St. Francis NY	J26	at Maine
N30 Brooklyn College	J30	Colgate
D2 Bowling Green	F2	at Canisius
D5 at Purdue	F4	at Niagara
D10 at Connecticut	F8	Maine
D22 Hartford	F11	Northeastern
D28 E Carolina	F15	at New Hampshire
J3 at Illinois-Chicago	F18	Vermont
J7 at N Carolina	F20	St. Bonaventure
J10 at Siena	F23	Canisius
J12 George Mason	F25	Niagara
J14 at Vermont	F27	New Hampshire
J18 at Colgate	M1	at Northeastern
J23 Penn St		

BOWLING GREEN

N26 Findlay	J21	Ohio U
N30 Kentucky St	J25	at C Michigan
D2 at Boston U	J28	Miami
D7 Temple	F1	E Michigan
D10 at Akron	F4	at N Illinois
D19 at Ohio St	F8	Kent St
D22 Lake Superior	F11	at Ball St
D29-30 Lobo Classic	F15	W Michigan
J4 at Toledo	F18	at Ohio U
J7 N Illinois	F22	C Michigan
J11 at Kent St	F25	at Miami
J14 Ball St	F29	at E Michigan
J18 at W Michigan	M3	Toledo

BRADLEY

N28 at Northwestern	J14	W Illinois
D5 at St. Louis	J19	S Illinois
D8 Chicago St	J21	Tulsa
D10 Penn St	J26	at Indiana St
D13 Furman	J28	W Texas St
D17 at Valparaiso	F2	at S Illinois
D20-21 River City Shootout	F4	at Creighton
D23 at Loyola-Chicago	F11	at Wichita St
D30 Oral Roberts	F18	Illinois St
J2 Indiana St	F21	at Drake
J5 Wichita St	F25	Drake
J7 at Tulsa	M1	at Illinois St
J12 at W Texas St	M3	Creighton

BRIGHAM YOUNG

N15 Italian Team	J30	Colorado St
N26 at Utah St	F2	at New Mexico
N30 Hofstra	F4	at Texas-El Paso
D9-10 Cougar Classic	F8	at Utah
D16-17 Kentucky Tourney	F11	at Georgetown
D21 Oregon	F14	Hawaii
D23 Boise St	F16	San Diego St
D28 at UCLA	F18	Notre Dame
J7 Weber St	F23	at Colorado St
J14 Utah	F25	at Wyoming
J19 at Hawaii	F27	at Air Force
J21 at San Diego St	M1	Texas-El Paso
J26 Wyoming	M3	New Mexico
J28 Air Force		

BUCKNELL			
N26	at Princeton	J28	at Delaware
N30	Lycoming	F1	Hofstra
D3	Wash. & Jefferson	F4	at Rider
D6	Drexel	F6	Lock Haven
D19	at Robert Morris	F8	at Lehigh
D21	at Towson St	F11	at Lafayette
J6-7	Florida S Tourney	F15	Delaware
J9	at Duke	F18	at Hofstra
J14	American	F22	Drexel
J17	Towson St	F25	Lehigh
J20	Utica	F27	at American
J21	VMI	F29	Rider
J25	Lafayette		

BUTLER			
N16	Turkey	J21	at Oklahoma City
N26	Depauw	J28	at Oral Roberts
N28	at Wisconsin-Gr Bay	J23	Xavier
N30	Valparaiso	J30	at Indiana Central
D3	Indiana St- Evansville	F4	Loyola-Chicago
D5	Indiana St	F6	Detroit
D10	Indiana Central	F11	at Evansville
D16	at Ball St	F13	at St. Louis
D19-20	Cardinal Classic	F15	Dayton
D30	at Indiana St	F18	Oklahoma City
J7	at Loyola-Chicago	F20	Oral Roberts
J9	at Detroit	F25	at Xavier
J14	Evansville	M3	at Valparaiso
J16	St. Louis		

CALIFORNIA			
N26	Cal-San Diego	J26	Washington St
D3	at Tennessee	J28	Washington
D5	Cal-Davis	F2	at Arizona
D7	Nevada-Reno	F4	at Arizona St
D10	at Pacific	F11	Stanford
D17	at St. Mary's	F16	USC
D22	at Santa Clara	F18	UCLA
D27	Loyola-Chicago	F23	at Washington
D29-30	Lobo Classic	F25	at Washington St
J5	Oregon	M1	Arizona St
J7	Oregon St	M3	Arizona
J14	at Stanford	M8	at Oregon St
J19	at UCLA	M10	at Oregon
J21	at USC		

CANISIUS			
N25-26	Lapchick Tourney	J21	at LaSalle
N30	Buffalo	J28	at Niagara
D3	at Maryland	J30	at Vermont
D7	Buffalo St	F2	Boston U
D10	at St. Bonaventure	F4	Northeastern
D17	St. Francis (NY)	F7	at Colgate
D21	Fairfield	F11	Maine
D31	Kent St	F14	at St. Francis (PA)
J4	Cornell	F18	Niagara
J7	at New Hampshire	F23	at Boston U
J10	Colgate	F25	at Northeastern
J12	New Hampshire	M3	Vermont
J18	Syracuse		

CENTRAL MICHIGAN			
N25-26	Cutlase Classic	J25	Bowling Green
N30	at Michigan	J28	at E Michigan
D5	Defiance College	F1	Toledo
D16-17	Casaba Club Classic	F4	at Kent St
D22	Flagler College	F8	Ball St
D28	Tri-State	F11	at W Michigan
D31	Valparaiso	F15	Ohio
J4	at N Illinois	F18	at Miami
J7	Kent St	F22	at Bowling Green
J11	at Ball St	F25	E Michigan
J14	W Michigan	F29	at Toledo
J18	at Ohio	M3	N Illinois
J21	Miami		

CLEMSON			
N14	Athletes in Action	J21	Virginia
N25-26	Play Tourney	J25	at Georgia Tech
N30	Furman	J28	Duke
D3	S Carolina	F1	at N Carolina
D10	The Citadel	F4	Wake Forest
D17	at Vanderbilt	F8	at N Carolina St
D19	Baylor	F11	at S Carolina
D28	at Nevada-Las Vegas	F15	at Wake Forest
D30	at Marshall	F18	Maryland
J4	St. Francis (NY)	F22	at Virginia
J9	N Carolina St	F26	N Carolina
J11	Georgia Tech	F29	at Duke
J14	Baptist	M3	Campbell
J17	at Maryland		

COLGATE			
N26	at Syracuse	J24	at Army
N30	Hobart	J27	at Holy Cross
D3	Niagara	J30	at Boston U
D6	at Cornell	F7	Canisius
D9-10	Auto Dealers Classic	F11	at Vermont
D29-30	Aubright Tourney	F18	at Northeastern
J7	Vermont	F19	at New Hampshire
J10	at Canisius	F23	Hamilton
J14	at Lafayette	F25	Maine
J16	Merchant Marine	F26	Maine
J18	Boston U	F29	New Hampshire
J21	Northeastern	M3	at Niagara

COLORADO			
N25	Rockhurst	J21	at Oklahoma St
N28	Regis	J25	Kansas St
D3	Oregon	J28	Nebraska
D5	at Utah	F1	at Missouri
D7	Colorado St	F4	at Kansas
D10	at Cal-Irvine	F8	Iowa St
D19	at S Carolina	F11	Oklahoma St
D21	at Duke	F15	at Kansas St
D27	Texas Christian	F18	at Oklahoma
J5	Wyoming	F22	Missouri
J7	Loyola-Chicago	F25	at Nebraska
J9	Pepperdine	F29	Kansas
J12	at Marquette	M3	at Iowa St
J18	Oklahoma		

COLORADO STATE			
N25	Doane College	J19	Texas-El Paso
N26	Loyola-Marymount	J21	New Mexico
N29	Wichita St	J26	at Utah
D1	N Colorado	J30	at Brigham Young
D7	at Colorado	F4	San Diego St
D10	N Arizona	F6	Hawaii
D19	E Washington	F9	at Wyoming
D22	Iowa St	F11	Air Force
D30	Texas-Arlington	F18	at New Mexico
J2	at Wisconsin-Gr Bay	F20	at Texas-El Paso
J4	at Nebraska	F23	Brigham Young
J7	Montana St	F27	Utah
J12	at Air Force	F29	at San Diego St
J14	Wyoming	M2	at Hawaii

CONNECTICUT			
N21	Swedish Team	J21	at Providence
D1	Yale	J25	New Hampshire
D3	at Ohio St	J27	Villanova
D6	at Fairfield	J31	at Boston College
D8	US International	F4	at Georgetown
D10	Boston U	F8	Pittsburgh
D13	Brooklyn	F11	St. John's
D15	at Massachusetts	F15	at Seton Hall
D28-29	Conn Mutual Classic	F18	at Syracuse
J4	Georgetown	F20	Providence
J7	at Pittsburgh	F25	at Holy Cross
J10	at St. John's	F28	at Villanova
J14	Seton Hall	M3	Boston College
J18	Syracuse		

CORNELL			
N29	at Syracuse	J25	at Niagara
D3	Cleveland St	J28	Columbia
D6	Colgate	F3	Dartmouth
D10	Northeastern	F4	Harvard
D13	at Notre Dame	F10	at Penn
D27-30	Far West Classic	F11	at Princeton
J4	at Canisius	F17	Yale
J7	Rochester	F18	Brown
J10	at Utica	F24	Princeton
J14	at Columbia	F25	Penn
J20	at Brown	M2	at Harvard
J21	at Yale	M3	at Dartmouth

CREIGHTON			
N26	St. Ambrose	J21	West Texas St
N28	at Southern U	J26	at Tulsa
D3	at Nebraska-Lincoln	J28	at Wichita St
D6	Rockhurst	J30	Indiana St
D10	Iowa St	F4	Bradley
D17	Seattle Pacific	F7	Dayton
D19	Southern U	F9	at S Illinois
D22	Nebraska-Omaha	F11	at Illinois St
D31	DePaul	F16	Tulsa
J2	Illinois St	F18	Drake
J7	at Drake	F23	at W Texas St
J12	S Illinois	M1	Wichita St
J14	at Indiana St	M3	at Bradley
J17	at Marquette		

DARTMOUTH			
N26	Connecticut College	J23	New Hampshire
N27	at Holy Cross	J28	at Vermont
N29	at Harvard	F3	at Cornell
D9-10	Auto Dealers Classic	F4	at Columbia
D17	at Massachusetts	F10	Yale
D21	at N Carolina	F11	Brown
D29-30	Siena Tourney	F17	at Princeton
J6	Pennsylvania	F18	at Pennsylvania
J7	Princeton	F24	at Brown
J13	Harvard	F25	at Yale
J16	at Army	M2	Columbia
J19	Williams	M3	Cornell

DAVIDSON			
N19	Marathon Oil	J21	at UT-Chattanooga
N26	Wofford	J23	Citadel
N28	Pennsylvania	J25	at Notre Dame
D3	Duke	J28	VMI
D6	at Wake Forest	F4	at Appalachian
D10	Ersine	F6	at W Carolina
D17	at Citadel	F11	at Marshall
D27-28	Milwaukee Classic	F13	at VMI
J3	at Furman	F18	Appalachian
J7	S Carolina	F18	East Tennessee
J9	at UNCC	F20	UT-Chattanooga
J14	Furman	F25	Marshall
J16	at E Tennessee	F27	W Carolina

DELAWARE			
N29	Washington College	J30	at William & Mary
D1	Drexel	F1	Towson St
D5	at Army	F4	Lehigh
D7	Loyola	F6	Hofstra
D10	at Princeton	F8	at Lafayette
J7	at Glassboro	F15	at Bucknell
J10	Columbia	F18	Rider
J16	at West Chester	F20	at Towson St
D18	American	F22	at Lehigh
J21	at Hofstra	F25	Lafayette
J23	Navy	F29	at American
J25	at Drexel	M3	at Rider
J28	Bucknell		

DEPAUL			
N26	at N Illinois	J28	at UCLA
N30	Ohio	F4	St. John's
D3	Illinois St	F7	at St. Joseph's (Pa)
D6	W Michigan	F11	at Notre Dame
D10	Georgetown	F15	Loyola
D14-17	Suntory Ball	F17	Dayton
D22	Purdue	F22	at Dayton
D31	at Creighton	F26	Louisville
J2	Biscayne College	F28	Evansville
J5	at Pepperdine	M1	S Carolina
J9	at St. Mary's (Cal)	M4	at Detroit
J14	Alabama Birm.	M6	Pan American
J20	at S Florida	M10	Marquette
J25	Princeton		

DETROIT			
N5	Athletes in Action	J15	at Loyola
N28	Grand Valley St	J21	at St. Louis
N30	N Carolina A&T	J23	at Evansville
D3	at Memphis St	J28	Oral Roberts
D5	N Michigan	J30	Oklahoma City
D7	at Iona	F2	at Dayton
D10	Wayne St	F4	at Xavier
D17	at Michigan	F6	at Butler
D20	at Duquesne	F11	Loyola
D22	at Cleveland St	F18	St. Louis
D26	Toledo	F20	Evansville
D28	Minnesota	F25	at Oral Roberts
J7	Xavier	F27	at Oklahoma City
J9	Butler	M4	DePaul

DRAKE			
N7	Blue-White Game	J14	Illinois St
N15	Airliner Exhibition	J19	at W Texas St
N28	Ball St	J26	at S Illinois
N30	NW Missouri St	J28	Indiana St
D3	S Dakota	J30	W Texas St
D6	at N Iowa	F4	at Tulsa
D10-11	AAA-Drake Classic	F9	at Illinois St
D17	Iowa St	F11	at Tulane
D21	at Iowa	F18	at Creighton
D30	Houston Baptist	F21	Bradley
J2	St. Louis	F23	at Indiana St
J5	Tulsa	F25	at Bradley
J7	Creighton	F28	Wichita St
J12	at Wichita St	M1	S Illinois

DUKE			
N15	Athletes in Action	J18	at Wake Forest
N26	Vanderbilt	J21	N Carolina
N30	at William & Mary	J25	N Carolina St
D3	at Davidson	J28	at Clemson
D5	S Florida	J30	at Georgia Tech
D7	Ohio	F4	Virginia
D10	E Carolina	F8	at Harvard
D12	Massachusetts	F11	at Maryland
D21	Colorado	F15	at Stetson
D27-29	Rainbow Classic	F18	Wake Forest
J4	Loyola	F22	at N. Carolina St
J7	at Virginia	F25	Georgia Tech
J9	Bucknell	F29	Clemson
J11	Appalachian St	M3	at N Carolina
J14	Maryland		

DUQUESNE			
N29	Ohio Dominican	J28	Temple
D3-4	Carrier Classic	J28	at St. Bonaventure
D10	Maryland	F2	at St. Joseph's
D13	at Niagara	F4	St. Bonaventure
D20	Detroit	F7	at Rhode Island
D27-28	Golden Triangle Tny	F9	W Virginia
J5	Massachusetts	F11	St. Joseph's
J7	George Washington	F16	at Rutgers
J12	at Penn St	F18	at Temple
J14	at Pittsburgh	F25	Penn St
J16	Rhode Island	M1	at George Washington
J19	Rutgers	M3	at Massachusetts
J21	at W Virginia		

EAST CAROLINA			
N30	Christopher Newport	J28	at James Madison
D3	at Va. Commonwealth	J30	at Navy
D10	at Duke	F4	George Mason
D17	Drexel	F6	at E Illinois
D20-21	River City Shootout	F8	at W Illinois
D28	at Boston	F11	William & Mary
J2	UNC-Charlotte	F14	Howard
J7	at Northeastern	F18	at Richmond
J9	at George Mason	F20	Navy
J14	at William & Mary	F25	at UNC-Wilmington
J19	Francis Marion	F29	at Campbell
J21	Richmond	M3	James Madison
J25	UNC-Wilmington		

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

N28	N Georgia	J14	The Citadel
N30	at Mississippi	J16	Davidson
D3	Richmond	J21	at Marshall
D5	at Arkansas	J23	at VMI
D7	at Alabama	J26	Appalachian St
D10	at S Carolina	J30	at UT-Chattanooga
D15	Radford	F2	at W Carolina
D17	Furman	F6	Marshall
D20	Georgia at Chatt.	F11	at The Citadel
D22	UNC-Greensboro	F13	at Furman
D29-30	Cabrillo Classic	F18	at Davidson
J7	VMI	F20	at Appalachian St
J9	W Carolina	F25	UT-Chattanooga

EASTERN KENTUCKY

N25	at Cincinnati	J21	at Austin Peay
N28	Wilmington	J23	W Kentucky
D3	N Kentucky	J26	at Akron
D6	Xavier	J28	at Youngstown St
D10	at Vanderbilt	F4	Morehead St
D17	at Samford	F9	Akron
D19	at Auburn	F11	Youngstown St
J2	at Memphis St	F13	at Kentucky St
J7	at Dayton	F16	at Tennessee Tech
J9	at Valparaiso	F18	at M Tennessee
J12	Tennessee Tech	F23	Murray St
J14	M Tennessee	F25	Austin Peay
J16	Indiana SE	M2	at Morehead St
J19	at Murray St		

EASTERN MICHIGAN

N3	Athletes in Action	J21	W Michigan
N26	at Cleveland St	J25	at Ohio
N29	Marshall	J28	C Michigan
D3	at Akron	F1	at Bowling Green
D6	at Wisconsin-Gr Bay	F4	at Toledo
D10	Chicago St	F8	N Illinois
D12	Wayne St	F11	at Kent St
D29-30	Blade-Glass Classic	F15	Ball St
J2	Grand Valley	F18	at W Michigan
J4	Miami	F22	Ohio
J7	Toledo	F25	at C Michigan
J11	at N Illinois	F29	Bowling Green
J14	Kent St	M3	at Miami
J18	at Ball St		

EVANSVILLE

N21	Yugoslavia National	J16	at Xavier
N28	N Kentucky	J21	Loyola
D2-3	Aces Invitational	J23	Detroit
D5	Washburn	J28	St. Louis
D8	at Indiana St	F2	at Loyola
D16-17	UE Holiday Tny	F4	at Oklahoma City
D19	Purdue	F6	at Oral Roberts
D22	New Orleans	F11	Butler
D30	at Pepperdine	F13	Xavier
J2	W Kentucky	F20	at Detroit
J7	Oklahoma City	F25	at St. Louis
J9	Oral Roberts	F28	at DePaul
J14	at Butler	M1	Georgia St

FAIRFIELD

N21	Yugoslavian National	J18	at Army
N25-26	Michigan St. Tourney	J21	Iona
N30	at Brown	J23	Marist
D3	St. Joseph	J25	St. Peter's
D6	Connecticut	J28	at Manhattan
D10	Navy	F1	at Fordham
D17	Northeastern	F4	Holy Cross
D21	at Canisius	F8	at LaSalle
D29	at New Hampshire	F13	at Yale
J4	Niagara	F15	Army
J8	at Holy Cross	F18	at Iona
J11	LaSalle	F22	at St. Peter's
J14	Fordham	F25	Manhattan
J16	at Lehigh		

FLORIDA

N9	Marathon Oil	J23	at Georgia
N26	Stetson	J28	Mississippi
N30	S Florida	J30	LSU
D2	Florida St	F5	Auburn
D10	at Jacksonville	F8	St. Leo
D20	Biscayne	F11	at Vanderbilt
D23	at Florida St	F13	at Kentucky
D28-29	Sugar Bowl Classic	F18	Tennessee
J2	at Alabama	F20	Georgia
J4	at Mississippi St	F25	at Mississippi
J7	at Auburn	F27	at LSU
J14	Vanderbilt	M1	Alabama
J16	Kentucky	M4	Mississippi St
J21	at Tennessee		

FLORIDA STATE

N19	Marathon Oil	J18	Baptist College
N26	C Florida	J23	Virginia Tech
N28	Tampa	J25	at Louisville
D2	at Florida	J28	at S Carolina
D5	Auburn	J30	at Cincinnati
D8	Jacksonville	F4	S Mississippi
D10	Florida International	F6	Louisville
D20	at Pittsburgh	F11	Memphis St
D23	Florida	F13	at Jacksonville
D30	Furman	F18	at Memphis St
J2	S Carolina	F22	at S Florida
J7	at S Mississippi	M3	at Virginia Tech
J9	at Tulane	M5	Monmouth College
J14	Cincinnati		

FRESNO STATE

N13	Italian Team	J21	at Nevada-Las Vegas
N25-26	Sun Met Classic	J26	New Mexico St
N29	Abilene Christian	J28	Long Beach St
D1	UC Davis	J30	at Utah St
D8	at Portland	F2	at Pacific
D10	at Boise St	F4	San Jose St
D15	Sacramento St	F9	at Fullerton St
D19	Oregon St	F11	at Santa Barbara
J11	SW Louisiana	F16	UC Irvine
D25-26	Chaminade Classic	F19	Nevada-Las Vegas
J7	Pacific	F23	at New Mexico St
J12	Santa Barbara	F25	Utah St
J15	Fullerton St	M1	at San Jose St
J19	at UC Irvine	M3	at Long Beach St

FULLERTON STATE

N25-27	Hawaii Tip-Off	J21	Santa Barbara
D1	at Arizona	J26	Cal-Irvine
D3	Cal Poly Pomona	J28	Nevada-Las Vegas
D9-10	Champion Classic	F2	at San Jose St
D17	Texas-San Antonio	F4	at Utah St
D20	Idaho St	F6	at New Mexico St
D23	at Pepperdine	F9	Fresno St
D30	St. Mary's	F11	Pacific
J3	W Illinois	F18	at Santa Barbara
J5	Utah St	F23	at Nevada-Las Vegas
J7	San Jose St	F27	Long Beach St
J12	at Pacific	M1	New Mexico St
J15	at Fresno St	M3	at Cal-Irvine
J19	at Long Beach St		

FURMAN

N12	Marathon Oil	J19	at The Citadel
N25	Erskine	J21	W Carolina
N28	at Wake Forest	J25	The Citadel
N30	at Clemson	J28	at UT-Chattanooga
D6	James Madison	J30	Appalachian St
D13	at Bradley	F3	at N Carolina St
D17	at E Tennessee St	F4	at N Carolina
D20	UNC	F6	VMI
D23	Augusta	F8	at Appalachian St
D30	at Florida St	F13	E Tennessee St
J3	Davidson	F18	Tenn-Chatt
J7	Marshall	F20	at W Carolina
J14	at Davidson	F22	Stetson
J16	at Marshall	F27	at VMI

GEORGE MASON

N25-26	Cavalier Classic	J25	at William & Mary
N29	at American	J28	Navy
D3	Davis & Elkins	J30	Towson St
D6	Long Island	F4	at E Carolina
D10	at Northwestern	F6	at N Carolina-Wilm.
D20	Seattle	F11	Richmond
D28-29	Utica/Matts Classic	F16	N Carolina-Wilmington
J4	N Carolina-Charlotte	F18	at James Madison
J9	E Carolina	F22	Howard
J12	at Boston U	F25	William & Mary
J14	Monmouth	F27	Radford
J18	at Richmond	M3	at Navy
J21	James Madison		

GEORGE WASHINGTON

N28	Maryland-E Shore	J26	at Massachusetts
D1	Catholic	J28	Rutgers
D3	Howard	J30	at American
D7	Virginia	F2	Rhode Island
D10	at Virginia Tech	F4	at Rutgers
D17	Brooklyn College	F9	at St. Joseph's
D29-30	Maryland Tourney	F11	at Rhode Island
J5	at W Virginia	F16	Penn St
J7	at Duquesne	F18	Massachusetts
J12	St. Bonaventure	F22	at Temple
J14	Temple	F25	at St. Bonaventure
J19	at Penn St	M1	Duquesne
J21	St. Joseph's	M3	W Virginia

GEORGETOWN

N8	Blue-Gray	J18	Providence
N17	Swedish Team	J21	at St. John's
N25-26	at TBA	J25	Boston College
N30	Morgan St	J28	at Pittsburgh
D3	St. Francis (PA)	J30	at Syracuse
D6	St. Leo	F4	Connecticut
D10	at DePaul	F9	Seton Hall
D17	American	F11	Brigham Young
D21	W Kentucky	F15	at Villanova
D28	Seven-Up Classic	F18	at Providence
J4	at Connecticut	F21	St. John's
J7	Seton Hall	F25	Boston College
J9	Monmouth	F29	Pittsburgh
J12	Villanova	M3	Syracuse

GEORGIA

N19	Marathon Oil	J22	Auburn
N28	Georgia St	J24	Florida
D2	at Georgia Tech	J28	at Kentucky
D5	at Michigan	J30	at Vanderbilt
D10-11	Drake Classic	F4	at LSU
D13	Carson-Newman	F6	at Mississippi
D17	at Valdosta St	F10	Alabama
D20	at E Tennessee St	F13	Mississippi St
D29	Xavier (OH)	F18	at Auburn
J3	Tennessee	F20	at Florida
J5	LSU	F25	Kentucky
J10	Mississippi	F27	Vanderbilt
J14	at Alabama	M4	at Tennessee
J16	at Mississippi St		

GEORGIA TECH

N28	Alabama A&M	J25	Clemson
D2	Georgia	J28	at N Carolina
D12	Flagler College	J30	Duke
D16-17	Casaba Club Classic	F1	at N Carolina St
D28-29	Cotton States Classic	F4	Maryland
J4	Appalachian St	F11	at Wake Forest
J7	Wake Forest	F15	S Carolina
J9	S Carolina St	F18	at Virginia
J11	at Clemson	F20	Maryland-E Shore
J14	N Carolina St	F22	at Maryland
J16	Augusta College	F25	at Duke
J19	Wofford	F29	N Carolina
J23	Virginia		

GONZAGA

N25	Carroll College	J19	at San Diego
N28	C Washington	J21	at St. Mary's
D1	at Idaho St	J26	Pepperdine
D3	at Boise St	J28	Loyola-Marymount
D7	E Washington	F2	at Santa Clara
D9	at Montana St	F7	Whitworth College
D12	Washington St	F11	Portland
D17	Weber St	F18	Santa Clara
D27-30	Far West Classic	F24	at Loyola-Marymount
J2	at Loyola-Marymount	F25	at Pepperdine
J7	at Idaho	M1	St. Mary's
J10	at E Washington	M3	San Diego
J13	Seattle Pacific	M8	at Portland

HARVARD

N26	Merrimack	J30	New York U
N29	Dartmouth	F3	at Columbia
D3	at Army	F4	at Cornell
D6	at Holy Cross	F8	Duke
D8	St. Anselm	F10	Brown
D10	Vermont	F11	Yale
D13	at New Hampshire	F14	Brandeis
D17	at Manhattan	F17	at Pennsylvania
D19	at Stanford	F18	at Princeton
J6	Princeton	M2	Cornell
J7	Pennsylvania	M3	Columbia
J13	at Dartmouth		

HAWAII

N25-27	Hawaii Tipoff Tourney	J21	Utah
D2-3	McDonald's Classic	J28	at San Diego St
D7	Nevada-Las Vegas	F2	at Wyoming
D16	Howard	F4	at Air Force
D17	Meiji	F6	at Colorado St
D22	Louisiana Tech	F9	New Mexico
D27-30	Rainbow Classic	F11	Texas-El Paso
J3	Air Force	F14	at Brigham Young
J6	Idaho St	F16	at Utah
J12	at New Mexico	F25	San Diego St
J14	at Texas-El Paso	F29	Wyoming
J19	Brigham Young	M2	Colorado St

HOFSTRA

N26	Franklin & Marshall	J23	at American
N28	Lehigh	J25	Monmouth
N30	at Brigham Young	F1	at Bucknell
D2-3	Malibu Classic	F4	Towson St
D7	Wagner	F6	at Delaware
D10	at N Carolina St	F11	at Manhattan
D21	at Fairleigh Dickinson	F15	at Drexel
D28	Lafayette	F18	Bucknell
J4	Fordham	F20	Rider
J7	at Lehigh	F22	at Towson St
J10	Brown	F25	American
J14	at Rider	F28	at Lafayette
J21	Delaware	M2	Drexel

HOLY CROSS

N27	Dartmouth	J18	Monmouth
D1	at Army	J21	at LaSalle
D6	Harvard	J25	Fordham
D10	at Providence	J27	Colgate
D17	at Boston College	J28	Army
D19	Assumption	F1	at Iona
D22	at Manhattan	F4	at Fairfield
D27-30	Rainbow Classic	F7	New Hampshire
J4	at Yale	F8	St. Peter's
J6	Notre Dame	F11	at Marquette
J8	Fairfield	F15	Iona
J11	at St. Peter's	F18	at LaSalle
J14	at Manhattan	F22	at Fordham
J16	Massachusetts	F25	Connecticut

HOUSTON

N19	N Carolina St	J14	at Texas A&M
N28	Kansas	J20	Rice
D1	at Mississippi St	J22	at Kentucky
D3	Biscayne	J28	at Baylor
D6	at LSU	F2	Texas A&M
D10	St. Mary's	F4	SMU
D16-17	Kettle Classic	F8	at TCU
D21	at Santa Barbara	F11	at Texas
D25-27	Chaminade Classic	F16	Texas Tech
J5	at SMU	F18	Virginia
J7	TCU	F22	at Rice
J10	Texas	F25	Arkansas
J12	at Texas Tech	M1	Baylor
		M4	at Arkansas

IDAHO		
N11	Alberta	J14 at Montana
N26	Pacific	J17 at E Washington
N28	at Cal-Irvine	J21 Boise St
03	E Montana	J26 N Arizona
03	Dominquez Hills	J28 Nevada-Reno
06	at Kentucky	F2 at Weber St
D10	at Washington St	F4 at Idaho St
D17	Mesa	F9 Montana
D21	at Washington	F11 Montana St
D28	E Washington	F18 at Boise St
J2	at San Diego	F23 at Nevada-Reno
J4	at Santa Clara	F25 at N Arizona
J7	Gonzaga	M1 Idaho St
J12	at Montana St	M3 Weber St

IDAHO STATE		
N18	AAU Exhibition	J7 at BYU Hawaii
N26	at UCLA	J12 N Arizona
N28	S Utah St	J14 Nevada-Reno
D1	Gonzaga	J21 Weber St
03	E Washington	J26 at Montana St
06	BYU Hawaii	J28 at Montana
D9-10	Marshall Tourney	F2 Boise St
D16	Mesa	F4 Idaho
D17	Washington St	F9 at Nevada-Reno
D20	at Fullerton St	F11 at N Arizona
D22	at San Diego	F18 at Weber St
D27	at E Washington	F23 Montana
D29-30	Lobo Tourney	F25 Montana St
J4	at Hawaii Pacific	M1 at Idaho
J6	at Hawaii	M3 at Boise St

ILLINOIS STATE		
N26	Tenn-Martin	J21 Indiana St
N29	at S Alabama	J26 at Wichita St
03	at DePaul	J28 S Illinois
05	at Illinois-Chicago	F4 at W Texas St
D10	Wisconsin-Green Bay	F9 Drake
D16-17	Indiana Classic	F11 Creighton
D22	N Iowa	F13 W Texas St
D27-28	Golden Triangle	F18 at Bradley
J2	at Creighton	F23 at S Illinois
J7	Wichita St	F25 at Indiana St
J10	US International	M1 Bradley
J14	at Drake	M3 Tulsa
J19	at Tulsa	

INDIANA		
N19	Italian Team	J26 Northwestern
N22	Miami (OH)	J28 Iowa
N29	Notre Dame	F2 at Minnesota
03	at Kentucky	F4 at Wisconsin
06	Tennessee Tech	F9 Wisconsin
D10	at Texas El-Paso	F11 Minnesota
D16-17	Indiana Classic	F16 at Iowa
D21	Kansas St	F18 at Northwestern
D29-30	Hooiser Classic	F23 Michigan
J7	at Ohio St	F25 Michigan St
J11	Illinois	F29 at Purdue
J14	Purdue	M3 at Illinois
J19	at Michigan St	M10 Ohio St
J21	at Michigan	

INDIANA STATE		
N26	Chadron St	J19 Wichita St
N28	at Minnesota	J21 at Illinois St
D1	C Arkansas	J26 Bradley
03	Bali St	J28 at Drake
05	at Butler	J30 at Creighton
D8	Evansville	F4 S Illinois
D10	E Illinois	F9 Tulsa
D12	at Louisville	F11 W Texas St
D15	Cincinnati	F16 at Wichita St
D28	St. Louis	F23 Drake
D30	Butler	F25 Illinois St
J2	at Bradley	M1 at Tulsa
J9	at S Illinois	M3 at W Texas St
J14	Creighton	

IOWA		
N12	Yugoslavia	J21 at Fairfield
N28	Morgan St	J23 New Orleans
D3-4	Carrier Classic	J26 LaSalle
07	Detroit	J28 St. Peter's
D9-10	M Hanover Classic	F1 Holy Cross
D13	at Marist	F4 at Fordham
D23	Fairleigh Dickinson	F7 at Manhattan
D27-29	Holiday Festival	F11 Army
J5	Louisville	F15 at Holy Cross
J7	Fordham	F18 Fairfield
J11	Manhattan	F22 Palestra
J14	at Army	F25 at St. Peter's
J17	at St. Francis (NY)	

IOWA		
N18	Italian National Team	J28 at Indiana
D2-3	Amana-Hawkeye	F2 Illinois
07	at Louisville	F4 Purdue
D10	at Oregon St	F9 at Purdue
D19	Colorado	F11 at Illinois
D21	Drake	F16 Indiana
D29-30	Winston Tire Classic	F18 Ohio St
J4	at Michigan St	F23 at Wisconsin
J7	at Michigan	F25 at Minnesota
J12	Northwestern	M1 at Northwestern
J14	at Iowa St	M3 S Carolina
J19	Minnesota	M7 Michigan
J21	Wisconsin	M10 Michigan St
J26	at Ohio St	

IOWA STATE		
N19	Brandon U	J18 Nebraska
N26	St. Cloud St	J21 Kansas
N30	Vanderbilt	J24 at Missouri
03	Texas	J28 Oklahoma
05	Arizona	F1 at Kansas St
D10	at Creighton	F4 Oklahoma St
D12	S Dakota	F8 at Colorado
D17	at Drake	F11 Missouri
D19	Mankato St	F15 Missouri
D22	at Colorado St	F18 at Nebraska
D29-30	Market Square	F22 Kansas St
J2	at Minnesota	F25 at Oklahoma
J9	N Iowa	F29 at Oklahoma St
J14	Iowa	M3 Colorado

IRVINE		
N15	Australian Team	J19 Fresno St
N28	Idaho	J21 Pacific
N30	at Pepperdine	J26 at Fullerton St
03	at San Diego St	J29 at Santa Barbara
D10	Colorado	F2 at Long Beach St
D13	at Southern Cal	F5 at New Mexico St
D17	at San Diego	F9 San Jose St
D21	Montana	F11 Utah St
D29-30	Utah Classic	F16 at Fresno St
J5	New Mexico St	F20 at Pacific
J7	Long Beach St	F23 Santa Barbara
J9	at Nevada-Las Vegas	M1 Nevada-Las Vegas
J12	at Utah St	M3 Fullerton St
J14	at San Jose St	

JACKSONVILLE		
N26	Eckerd	J19 at W Kentucky
D2	Methodist	J21 UNC-Charlotte
D8	at Florida St	J28 at Alabama-Birm.
D10	Florida	J31 at S Alabama
D16	Akron	F2 Alabama-Birm.
D19	at Minnesota	F4 Va. Commonwealth
D27-28	Gator Bowl Tourney	F7 Francis Marion
J2	Army	F11 at UNC-Charlotte
J5	Hartford	F13 Florida St
J7	Old Dominion	F16 at Old Dominion
J9	Baptist	F18 at Va. Commonwealth
J11	W Kentucky	F21 S Alabama
J14	at S Florida	F24 S Florida

JAMES MADISON		
N26	UNC-Greensboro	J25 at Richmond
N28	Rider	J28 E Carolina
N30	Maryland E Shore	F1 Old Dominion
D3	at Virginia	F4 at William & Mary
D6	at Furman	F9 at Va. Commonwealth
D9-10	J Madison Invitational	F11 at Navy
D17	Seattle	F15 Towson St
D22-23	Rebel Roundup	F18 George Mason
J9	Va. Commonwealth	F22 at VMI
J11	at Old Dominion	F25 Richmond
J14	Navy	F29 William & Mary
J16	at American	M3 at E Carolina
J21	at George Mason	

KANSAS		
N16	Soviet Nationals	J21 at Iowa St
N26	Oral Roberts	J25 Nebraska
N28	at Houston	J28 Kansas St
D1	at St. Louis	F1 at Oklahoma
D3	Morehead St	F4 Colorado
D5	Jackson St	F8 at Oklahoma St
D10	Kentucky	F11 Iowa St
D17	Florida Southern	F15 at Nebraska
D22	at Ohio St	F18 at Missouri
D28-29	Sugar Bowl Tourney	F22 Oklahoma
J8	Wichita St	F25 at Kansas St
J11	Texas Southern	F29 at Colorado
J14	Alabama St	M3 Oklahoma St
J18	Missouri	

KANSAS STATE		
N25-26	Horizon Classic	J21 Oklahoma
N29	Oral Roberts	J25 at Colorado
03	US International	J28 at Kansas
07	Centenary	F1 Iowa St
D10	Wisconsin	F4 Nebraska
D17	at Nevada-Las Vegas	F8 at Missouri
D21	at Indiana	F11 at Oklahoma
D23	Cal-Northridge	F15 Colorado
J4	Texas	F18 Oklahoma St
J7	at N Iowa	F22 at Iowa St
J12	E Washington	F25 Kansas
J14	S Colorado	F29 at Nebraska
J18	at Oklahoma St	M3 Missouri

KENT STATE		
N26	Saginaw Valley	J21 at N Illinois
N28	Wittenberg	J25 at Miami
N30	at E-Illinois	J28 Ball St
03	Wayne St	F1 at W Michigan
D10	at Memphis St	F4 C Michigan
D17	at Cleveland St	F8 at Bowling Green
D21	Akron	F11 E Michigan
D31	at Canisius	F15 at Toledo
J4	Ohio U	F18 N Illinois
J7	at C Michigan	F22 Miami
J11	Bowling Green	F25 at Ball St
J14	at E Michigan	F29 W Michigan
J18	Toledo	M3 at Ohio U

KENTUCKY		
N22	USSR National Team	J25 Vanderbilt
N26	Louisville	J22 Houston
03	Indiana	J28 Georgia
D10	at Kansas	J30 Tennessee
D16-17	Kentucky Invitational	F4 at Alabama
D20	at Cincinnati	F6 at Mississippi St
D28	at Purdue	F11 Auburn
D31	at Illinois	F13 Florida
J2	at Mississippi	F19 at Vanderbilt
J7	at LSU	F25 at Georgia
J9	Alabama	F27 at Tennessee
J11	Mississippi St	M1 Mississippi
J13	at Auburn	M3 LSU
J17	at Florida	

LAFAYETTE		
N25-26	Virginia Tipoff	J25 at Bucknell
N28	Moravian	J28 Rider
N30	Pittsburgh	F1 at Lehigh
03	at Princeton	F4 American
D10	at Rutgers	F6 at William & Mary
D28	at Hofstra	F8 Delaware
J4	at Drexel	F11 Bucknell
J9	at American	F13 Manhattan
J11	at Towson St	F15 at Rider
J14	Colgate	F18 Lehigh
J16	at Notre Dame	F25 at Delaware
J18	at Navy	M3 Towson St
J21	Drexel	

LAMAR		
N26	at Wichita St	J26 Texas-Arlington
N28	St. Mary's	J28 N Texas St
D5	SW Texas St	F2 at McNeese St
D9-10	Cougar Classic	F6 Pan American
D12	at Weber St	F9 at Arkansas St
D16-17	Evansville Tourney	F11 NE Louisiana
D22	Hardin-Simmons	F16 Louisiana Tech
D29-30	Toledo Tourney	F18 at Texas-Arlington
J10	Texas-San Antonio	F23 at N Texas St
J14	Arkansas St	F25 McNeese St
J19	at NE Louisiana	F27 at Pan American
J21	at Louisiana Tech	F29 at Texas-San Antonio

LEHIGH		
N26	Kutztown	J28 at Towson St
N29	at Hofstra	J30 Fairfield
03	at Drexel	F1 Lafayette
D7	Navy	F4 at Delaware
D10	at Notre Dame	F8 Bucknell
D29-30	Albright Invitational	F11 Rider
J3	at Princeton	F13 at Harvard
J7	Hofstra	F15 at LaSalle
J11	Drexel	F18 at Lafayette
J17	at Columbia	F22 Delaware
J18	at Wagner	F25 at Bucknell
J21	American	F29 Towson St
J25	at Rider	M2 at American

LONG ISLAND		
03	at S Florida	J31 at Monmouth
D6	at George Mason	F4 at St. Francis (NY)
D9-10	Golden Hurricane	F8 Siena
D15	New York	F11 Marist
D20	at Marist	F13 Fordham
D29	St. Francis (NY)	F15 at Siena
J14	at Loyola (MD)	F18 Loyola (MD)
J19	Robert Morris	F23 at Robert Morris
J21	St. Francis (PA)	F25 at St. Francis (PA)
J25	at Wagner	F29 Wagner
J28	at Fairleigh Dickinson	M3 Fairleigh Dickinson

LOUISIANA STATE		
N11	Houston Flyers	J23 Mississippi St
N26	at New Orleans	J27 at Auburn
N28	at NC-Wilmington	J29 at N Carolina
D1	Washington	F1 at Florida
D3	at Texas A&M	F4 Georgia
D6	Houston	F6 Tennessee
D19	Houston Baptist	F12 at Mississippi
D21	Pan American	F17 at Alabama
J1	Vanderbilt	F20 at Mississippi St
J4	Kentucky	F25 Auburn
J6	at Georgia	F27 Florida
J9	at Tennessee	M1 at Vanderbilt
J14	Mississippi	M3 at Kentucky
J21	Alabama	

LOUISIANA TECH		
N28	at W Kentucky	J21 Lamar
N30	Northwestern St	J26 McNeese St
03	at Rice	J28 at SW Louisiana
D5	at Centenary	F2 at N Texas St
D8	at Northwestern St	F4 Texas-Arlington
D10	Kent St	F9 at NE Louisiana
D16-17	Volunteer Classic	F11 Arkansas St
D19	at Texas-El Paso	F16 at Lamar
D22	at Hawaii	F18 at McNeese St
J7	E Texas Baptist	F21 Centenary
J9	Pan American	F25 N Texas St
J11	SW Louisiana	M1 at Texas-Arlington
J14	NE Louisiana	M3 at Pan American
J19	at Arkansas St	

LOYOLA (CHICAGO)			
N25-26 Orange Crush Classic	J21	at Evansville	
D3 at Northwestern	J23	at St. Louis	
D12 at Illinois	J28	Oklahoma City	
D17 at Pennsylvania	J30	Oral Roberts	
D23 Bradley	F2	Evansville	
D27 at California	F4	at Butler	
D30 at Colorado	F6	at Xavier	
J4 Marquette	F11	at Detroit	
J9 Butler	F15	at DePaul	
J7 Xavier	F20	St. Louis	
J15 Detroit	F25	at Oklahoma City	
	F27	at Oral Roberts	

LOYOLA-MARYMOUNT			
N16 Australian Team	J10	Missouri-Kansas City	
N26 at Colorado St	J21	at Santa Clara	
N29 Santa Barbara	J26	at Portland	
D2-3 McDonald's Classic	J28	at Gonzaga	
D8 Long Beach St	F3	San Diego	
D10 S California College	F4	St. Mary's	
D17 Cal Poly Pomona	F11	at Pepperdine	
D19 San Jose St	F16	at St. Mary's	
D23 Montana	F18	at San Diego	
D28-29 Cowboy Shootout	F24	Gonzaga	
J2 Gonzaga	F25	Portland	
J5 S Connecticut St	M1	Santa Clara	
J7 at New Mexico	M8	Pepperdine	

MAINE			
N13 Irish National Team	J28	Drexel	
N28 St. Michael's	F1	Niagara	
D9 at St. Francis (NY)	F4	at New Hampshire	
D10 at Brooklyn	F8	at Boston U	
D17 Fairleigh-Dickinson	F11	at Canisius	
J3 at Northeastern	F13	at Niagara	
J6-7 Florida S Tourney	F17	Utica	
J14 Brooklyn	F20	George Mason	
J16 Northeastern	F25	at Colgate	
J20 Vermont	F26	at Colgate	
J21 Vermont	F29	Canisius	
J25 Boston U	M2	New Hampshire	

MANHATTAN			
N19 Dalhousie U	J21	at Fordham	
N29 St. Francis (NY)	J26	at Army	
D3 at Brown	J28	Fairfield	
D7 at Seton Hall	J31	Yale	
D10 Wagner	F4	Army	
D13 at St. John's	F7	Iona	
D17 Harvard	F9	Hofstra	
D22 Holy Cross	F11	at St. Peter's	
D29-30 Siena Tourney	F15	at LaSalle	
J3 Columbia	F18	Fordham	
J7 St. Peter's	F20	at Lafayette	
J11 at Iona	F22	Notre Dame	
J14 at Holy Cross	F25	at Fairfield	
J17 LaSalle			

MARQUETTE			
N12 Yugoslavian Team	J14	S Carolina	
N25-26 Iptay Tourney	J17	Creighton	
D1 NE Louisiana	J21	Dayton	
D3 Minnesota	J28	at Louisville	
D7 at Providence	F1	at Marshall	
D10 Northwestern	F4	at Richmond	
D17 Syracuse	F11	Holy Cross	
D21 Wake Forest	F16	Wisconsin	
D27-28 Milwaukee Classic	F18	Stetson	
D30 at N Illinois	F22	at Xavier	
J4 at Loyola (Chi.)	F25	at Notre Dame	
J7 Missouri	F28	Wisconsin-Green Bay	
J9 at SW Louisiana	M10	at DePaul	
J12 Colorado			

MARSHALL			
N26 Open	J23	at Appalachian St	
N29 at E Michigan	J28	W Carolina	
D3 W Virginia	F1	at VMI	
D9-10 Marshall Memorial	F4	at UT-Chattanooga	
D15 at Morehead St	F6	at E Tennessee St	
D19 Marquette	F11	Davidson	
D22 Cincinnati	F13	Appalachian St	
D29-30 Las Vegas Classic	F16	VMI	
J3 Open	F18	The Citadel	
J7 at Furman	F23	at W Carolina	
J9 at The Citadel	F25	at Davidson	
J14 UT-Chattanooga	F29	Furman	
J21 E Tennessee St			

MARYLAND			
N6 Johns Hopkins	J21	at Old Dominion	
D1 at Ohio St	J28	at Notre Dame	
D3 Canisius	J31	at Virginia	
D6 at Penn St	F4	at Georgia Tech	
D10 at Duquesne	F8	at Wake Forest	
D14 Maryland-E Shore	F11	Duke	
F23 Dayton	F13	Alabama-Birm.	
D29-30 Maryland Invitational	F18	at Clemson	
J3 at N Carolina St	F19	at N Carolina	
J7 William & Mary	F22	Georgia Tech	
J12 N Carolina	F26	Wake Forest	
J14 at Duke	F29	N Carolina St	
J17 Clemson	M4	Virginia	

MASSACHUSETTS			
N29 New Hampshire	J21	at St. Bonaventure	
D3 Bentley	J26	George Washington	
D9-10 Stetson Tourney	J28	Rhode Island	
D12 at Duke	F2	at Penn St	
D15 Connecticut	F4	at Rhode Island	
D17 Dartmouth	F9	St. Bonaventure	
D22 at Marist	F11	Penn St	
J5 at Duquesne	F16	St. Joseph's	
J7 at Rutgers	F18	at George Washington	
J12 at Temple	F23	at W Virginia	
J14 W Virginia	F27	Temple	
J16 at Holy Cross	M1	Rutgers	
J19 at St. Joseph's	M3	Duquesne	

MCNEESE STATE			
N22-28 Hawaii Tip-Off	J26	at Louisiana Tech	
D1 at Alabama	J28	at NE Louisiana	
D3 at Grambling	F2	Lamar	
D5 Murray St	F4	Arkansas St	
D10 at Southern	F6	at SE Louisiana	
D19 Grambling	F11	at Texas-Arlington	
D27-28 Milwaukee Classic	F13	at Texas-San Antonio	
J2 Texas Southern	F16	at N Texas St	
J4 at Oklahoma	F18	Louisiana Tech	
J10 William Carey	F23	NE Louisiana	
J14 SW Louisiana	F25	at Lamar	
J16 SE Louisiana	F27	at Arkansas St	
J19 Texas-Arlington	M3	at SW Louisiana	
J21 N Texas St			

MIAMI, OHIO			
N26 at Indiana	J21	at C Michigan	
N30 Ohio Wesleyan	J28	Kent St	
D3 Purdue	J28	at Bowling Green	
D10 Xavier	F1	Ball St	
D17 at Cincinnati	F8	W Michigan	
D27-28 Milwaukee Classic	F11	Ohio U	
J2 at Dayton	F15	at N Illinois	
J4 at E Michigan	F17	C Michigan	
J7 at W Michigan	F22	at Kent St	
J11 Toledo	F25	Bowling Green	
J14 at Ohio U	F29	at Ball St	
J18 N Illinois	M3	E Michigan	

MICHIGAN			
N26 Toledo	J21	Indiana	
N28 N Carolina A&T	J26	at Purdue	
N30 C Michigan	J28	at Illinois	
D3 N Michigan	F4	at Michigan St	
D5 at Georgia	F11	Michigan St	
D10 Dayton	F16	Illinois	
D17 Detroit	F18	Purdue	
D21 at Rutgers	F23	at Indiana	
D27-28 The Sun Bowl	F25	at Ohio St	
J5 Northwestern	M1	Wisconsin	
J7 Iowa	M3	Minnesota	
J12 at Minnesota	M7	at Iowa	
J14 at Wisconsin	M10	at Northwestern	
J18 Ohio St			

MICHIGAN STATE			
N14 Yugoslavia Team	J26	at Illinois	
N25-26 Cutlass Classic	J28	at Purdue	
D1 at St. Peter's	F4	Michigan	
D3 Illinois-Chicago	F5	Open	
D12 at Cleveland St	F11	at Michigan	
D15 Brooklyn	F16	Purdue	
D22 at Missouri	F18	Illinois	
D28-29 Cotton States Classic	F22	at Ohio St	
J4 Iowa	F25	at Indiana	
J7 Northwestern	M1	Minnesota	
J12 at Wisconsin	M3	Wisconsin	
J14 at Minnesota	M8	at Northwestern	
J19 Indiana	M10	at Iowa	
J21 Ohio St			

MIDDLE TENNESSEE			
N30 at Memphis St	J19	Youngstown St	
D3 at Tennessee St	J21	Akron	
D5 Urbana	J26	Austin Peay	
D9-10 Wendy's Classic	J28	Murray St	
D16-17 Tennessee Classic	F2	Tennessee St	
D21 at Georgia St	F4	Georgia St	
D30 at W Kentucky	F9	at Austin Peay	
J7 Georgia College	F11	at Murray St	
J12 at Tennessee Tech	F16	Morehead St	
J14 at Morehead St	F18	E Kentucky	
J14 at E Kentucky	F23	at Youngstown St	
J17 Georgia Southern	F25	Tennessee Tech	

MINNESOTA			
N26 S Dakota St	J21	at Northwestern	
N28 Indiana St	J25	Wisconsin	
D3 at Marquette	F2	Indiana	
D5 Oregon	F4	Ohio St	
D19 Jacksonville	F9	at Ohio St	
D22 N Dakota	F11	at Indiana	
D28 at Detroit	F15	at Wisconsin	
D30 at Montana St	F23	Northwestern	
J2 Iowa St	F25	Iowa	
J5 at Illinois	M1	at Michigan St	
J7 at Purdue	M3	at Michigan	
J12 Michigan	M8	Illinois	
J14 Michigan St	M10	Purdue	
J19 at Iowa			

MISSISSIPPI			
N12 Windsor	J14	at LSU	
N26 David Lipscomb	J21	Mississippi St	
N30 E Tennessee St	J23	Alabama	
D3 SW Louisiana	J29	at Florida	
D7 at New Orleans	J31	at Auburn	
D10 Tennessee Wesleyan	F4	Tennessee	
D13 at Memphis St	F6	Georgia	
D19 Mercer	F12	LSU	
D21 Missouri	F18	at Mississippi St	
D29-30 Krystal Classic	F20	at Alabama	
J2 Kentucky	F24	Florida	
J4 Vanderbilt	F27	Auburn	
J8 at Tennessee	M1	at Kentucky	
J10 at Georgia	M3	at Vanderbilt	

MISSISSIPPI STATE			
N28 Birmingham Southern	J16	Georgia	
N30 Houston	J21	at Mississippi	
D3 Troy St	J23	at LSU	
D6 at S Mississippi	J28	at Alabama	
D10 at Memphis St	F4	Vanderbilt	
D12 Alabama-Birm.	F6	Kentucky	
D17 N Alabama	F11	at Tennessee	
D29-30 Winston Tire Classic	F13	at Georgia	
J2 Auburn	F18	Mississippi	
J4 Florida	F20	LSU	
J8 at Vanderbilt	F26	Alabama	
J10 at Kentucky	M1	at Auburn	
J14 Tennessee	M4	at Florida	

MISSOURI			
N11 Windsor	J21	at Nebraska	
N26 at N Carolina	J24	Iowa St	
N29 Nebraska-Omaha	J27	at Oklahoma St	
D2-3 Show Me Classic	J29	at N Carolina St	
D7 Washington	F1	Colorado	
D11 Ohio St	F4	at Oklahoma	
D13-18 Tournament	F8	Kansas St	
D22 Michigan St	F11	Nebraska	
D28 at Illinois	F15	at Iowa St	
J4 Wisconsin-Green Bay	F18	Kansas	
J7 at Marquette	F22	at Colorado	
J11 N Iowa	F26	Oklahoma St	
J14 at Dayton	F29	Oklahoma	
J18 at Kansas	M3	at Kansas St	

MONTANA STATE			
N26 Wisc.-Superior	J14	Boise St	
N29 E Washington	J19	at N Arizona	
D3 Regis	J21	at Nevada-Reno	
D9 Gonzaga	J26	Idaho St	
D10 at E Washington	J28	Weber St	
D16-17 Volunteer Classic	F4	at Montana	
D19 at E Illinois	F9	at Boise St	
D28 SW Missouri St	F11	at Idaho	
D30 Minnesota	F16	Nevada-Reno	
J2 E Illinois	F18	N Arizona	
J5 at Utah	F23	at Weber St	
J7 at Colorado St	F25	at Idaho St	
J12 Idaho	M3	Montana	

MOREHEAD STATE			
N26 Tennessee Wesleyan	J26	at Youngstown St	
N28 Lincoln Memorial	J28	at Akron	
N30 Alabama-Huntsville	J31	W Kentucky	
D3 at Kansas	F4	at E Kentucky	
D7 at Tennessee	F6	Tennessee St	
D9 W Michigan	F9	Youngstown St	
D15 Marshall	F11	Akron	
D17 at Louisville	F13	Indiana-Southeast	
D19 at W Michigan	F16	at M Tennessee	
J4 at Tennessee St	F18	Tennessee Tech	
J12 M Tennessee	F23	Austin Peay	
J14 Tennessee Tech	F25	Murray St	
J19 at Austin Peay	M3	E Kentucky	
J21 at Murray St			

MURRAY STATE			
N18 Marathon Oil	J26	at Tennessee Tech	
N26 Missouri-Kansas City	J28	at M Tennessee	
N29 Tennessee St	F1	at S Mississippi	
D2-3 Show Me Classic	F4	Austin Peay	
D5 at McNeese St	F9	Tennessee Tech	
D10 S Mississippi	F11	M Tennessee	
D12 Chapman College	F13	at Tennessee St	
J4 at New Orleans	F16	Akron	
J7 Kentucky St	F18	Youngstown St	
J9 Fredonia St	F23	at E Kentucky	
J12 at Akron	F25	at Morehead St	
J14 at Youngstown St	F27	SE Louisiana	
J19 E Kentucky	M1	at Austin Peay	
J21 Morehead St			

NAVY			
N25 St. Lawrence	J21	William & Mary	
N26 Yale	J23	at Delaware	
N28 California St (PA)	J25	at American	
N30 VMI	J28	at George Mason	
D3 at Brooklyn	J30	E Carolina	
D7 at Lehigh	F4	Penn St	
D10 at Fairfield	F8	at Richmond	
D27-30 Rainbow Classic	F11	James Madison	
J3 at San Diego St	F13	Campbell	
J7 at St. Mary's	F15	Open	
J11 Richmond	F18	at William & Mary	
J14 at James Madison	F20	at E Carolina	
J16 Fairleigh Dickinson	F25	at Army	
J18 Lafayette	M3	George Mason	

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

N26	SE Louisiana	J23	SW Louisiana
N28	at Northwestern St	J28	McNeese St
D1	at Marquette	F2	at Texas-Arlington
D3	at Dayton	F4	at N Texas St
D10	at Grambling St	F9	Louisiana Tech
D19	Arkansas-Monticello	F11	at Lamar
D29-30	Pacemaker Classic	F13	Northwestern St
J2	Houston Baptist	F18	Arkansas St
J5	S Mississippi	F20	at SE Louisiana
J14	at Louisiana Tech	F23	at McNeese St
J16	Centenary	F25	Texas-Arlington
J19	Lamar	F27	at SW Louisiana
J21	at Arkansas St	M1	N Texas St

NEBRASKA

N16	Brandon	J21	Missouri
N26	Augustana	J25	at Kansas
N28	Texas Tech	J28	at Colorado
D3	Creighton	F1	Oklahoma St
D5	at Wisconsin	F4	at Kansas St
D7	NE Missouri St	F8	Oklahoma
D10	Arkansas	F11	at Missouri
D17	N Iowa	F15	Kansas
D20	at Wyoming	F18	Iowa St
D28-29	Cotton States Classic	F22	at Oklahoma St
J4	Colorado St	F25	Colorado
J7	NW Missouri St	F29	Kansas St
J14	E Washington	M3	at Oklahoma
J18	at Iowa St		

NEVADA RENO

N23	Victoria, Canada	J14	at Idaho St
N26	at Nevada-Las Vegas	J19	Montana
N29	Portland	J21	Montana St
D3	Utah	J26	at Boise St
D6	at St. Mary's	J28	at Idaho
D7	at Cal-Berkeley	F4	at N Arizona
D13	Nevada-Las Vegas	F9	Idaho St
D15	S Oregon	F11	Weber St
D17	San Jose St	F16	at Montana St
D20	at Pepperdine	F18	at Montana
D28-29	Wolf Pack Classic	F23	Idaho
J3	Regis	F25	Boise St
J7	Santa Clara	M3	N Arizona
J12	at Weber St		

NEW HAMPSHIRE

N26	at Brown	J26	at Connecticut
N29	at Massachusetts	J28	Yale
D1	Harvard	F1	at Vermont
D3	at Boston College	F4	Maine
D6	Rhode Island	F7	at Holy Cross
D9-10	Marshall Tourney	F9	at Northeastern
D29	Fairfield	F15	Boston U
J5	Northeastern	F19	Colgate
J7	Canisius	F22	at Princeton
J12	at Canisius	F24	Vermont
J14	at Niagara	F27	at Boston U
J20	Niagara	F29	at Colgate
J23	at Dartmouth	M2	at Maine

NEW MEXICO

N11	Converse All-Stars	J19	at Air Force
N25-27	Great Alaska Shootout	J21	at Colorado St
D1	Long Beach St	J23	at Wyoming
D3	Washington	J28	Texas-El Paso
D10	at UCLA	F3	Brigham Young
D17	at New Mexico St	F4	Utah
D19	E New Mexico	F9	at Hawaii
D22	New Mexico St	F11	at San Diego St
D29-30	Lobo Invitational	F16	Wyoming
J3	US International	F18	Colorado St
J5	Pan American	F20	Air Force
J7	Loyola-Marymount	F25	at Texas-El Paso
J9	W New Mexico	M1	at Utah
J12	Hawaii	M3	at Brigham Young
J14	San Diego St		

NEW MEXICO STATE

N26	W New Mexico	J21	San Jose St
N29	at Texas-El Paso	J26	at Fresno St
D3	Texas-El Paso	J28	at Pacific
D7	at Texas Tech	F2	Nevada-Las Vegas
D10	at Weber St	F5	Cal-Irvine
D17	New Mexico	F6	Fullerton St
D22	at New Mexico	F11	Long Beach St
D30	Lubbock Christian	F16	at San Jose St
J5	at Cal-Irvine	F18	at Utah St
J7	at Nevada-Las Vegas	F23	Fresno St
J10	Grand Canyon	F26	Pacific
J14	at Long Beach St	M1	at Fullerton St
J16	Santa Barbara	M3	at Santa Barbara
J19	Utah St		

NEW ORLEANS

N26	LSU	J23	at Iona
N30	at Texas	F2	at SW Louisiana
D3	Nicholls St	F4	Stetson
D7	Mississippi	F7	at S Alabama
D12	S Alabama	F11	Georgia St
D14	Cal-Riverside	F13	at Pan American
D16-17	Dallas Morning News	F18	Tulane
D20	at Wichita St	F22	at Texas-San Antonio
D22	at Evansville	F25	SW Louisiana
J4	Murray St	F27	Concordia
J6	Roosevelt	F29	Springhill
J9	at Georgia St	M3	Texas-San Antonio
J14	at Stetson	M10	Pan American
J21	at Tulane		

NIAGARA

N28	St. John Fisher	J25	Cornell
D3	at Colgate	J28	Canisius
D7	St. Bonaventure	F1	at Maine
D10	at Ohio U	F4	Boston U
D13	Duquesne	F6	Northeastern
D20-21	Miller Classic	F9	Elmira
D23	at St. John's	F13	Maine
J4	at Fairfield	F18	at Canisius
J7	Buffalo	F22	at Cleveland St
J9	at Drexel	F25	at Boston U
J14	New Hampshire	F27	at Northeastern
J18	at Vermont	M1	Vermont
J20	at New Hampshire	M3	Colgate

NORTH CAROLINA

N26	Missouri	J25	Wake Forest
N28	Tenn-Chattanooga	J28	Georgia Tech
D2-3	Stanford Invitational	J29	LSU
D10	at Syracuse	F1	Clemson
D21	Dartmouth	F3-4	North/South
D27-29	Holiday Festival	F9	at Virginia
J5	Boston U	F12	at Arkansas
J7	at N Carolina St	F18	N Carolina St
J12	at Maryland	F19	Maryland
J14	at Wake Forest	F26	at Clemson
J18	Virginia	F29	at Georgia Tech
J21	at Duke	M3	Duke

NORTH CAROLINA-CHARLOTTE

N17	Marathon Oil	J14	Alabama-Birm.
N28	N Carolina-Asheville	J17	at Va. Commonwealth
N30	Missouri-St. Louis	J21	at W Kentucky
D2-3	McDonald's Classic	J26	Jacksonville
D8	Erskine	J28	at Old Dominion
D13	Campbell	F2	at S Alabama
D17	at Penn St	F4	at Alabama-Birm.
D20	at Furman	F9	W Kentucky
D28-29	Holiday Classic	F12	Va. Commonwealth
J2	at E Carolina	F14	Old Dominion
J4	at George Mason	F18	at S Florida
J9	Davidson	F23	at Jacksonville
J12	S Florida	F25	S Alabama

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

N7	Marathon Oil	J15	at Georgia Tech
N19	at Houston	J18	UNC-Wilmington
N25-27	Great Alaska Shootout	J21	Wake Forest
D2	UNC-Charlotte	J25	at Duke
D3	Virginia Tech	J29	Missouri
D7	W Carolina	F3	The Citadel
D10	Hofstra	F4	Furman
D17	Louisville	F8	Clemson
D20	N Carolina A&T	F12	Georgia Tech
D28	Towson St	F15	Northeastern
D30	Campbell	F18	at N Carolina
J4	Maryland	F22	Duke
J7	N Carolina	F25	Virginia
J9	at Clemson	F29	at Maryland
J11	at Virginia	M3	Wake Forest

NORTH TEXAS STATE

N25	at S Mississippi	J21	at McNeese St
N26	at Memphis St	J23	Texas-Arlington
N29	Texas Southern	J26	Arkansas St
D1	Midwestern St	J28	at Lamar
D3	at Centenary	F2	Louisiana Tech
D6	TCU	F4	at NE Louisiana
D10	at Baylor	F9	at Texas-Arlington
D13	Oklahoma City	F11	at Pan American
D17	at Texas Tech	F16	McNeese St
D20-21	Bradley Tourney	F18	at Arkansas St
J9	at Hardin Simmons	F23	Lamar
J14	at Texas-San Antonio	F25	at Louisiana Tech
J19	Pan American	M1	NE Louisiana

NORTHEASTERN

N25-26	Sun Met Classic	J21	at Colgate
D3	at Vermont	J28	Utica
D6	Suffolk	F1	West Point
D8	Merrimack	F4	at Canisius
D10	at Cornell	F6	at Niagara
D17	at Fairfield	F9	New Hampshire
D28-29	Rochester U Classic	F11	at Boston U
J3	Maine	F15	Monmouth
J5	at New Hampshire	F18	Colgate
J7	E Carolina	F25	Canisius
J11	Vermont	F27	Niagara
J16	at Maine	M1	Boston U
J18	at Boston College		

NORTHERN ARIZONA

N25	at Arizona	J21	Montana
D1	Mankato St	J26	at Idaho
D3	San Diego	J28	at Boise St
D6	Arizona St	F4	Nevada-Reno
D9	at N Colorado	F9	Weber St
D10	at Colorado St	F11	Idaho St
D16-17	Evansville Classic	F16	at Montana
D28-29	Cowboy Classic	F18	at Montana St
J3	Westmont College	F23	Boise St
J7	Pepperdine	F25	Idaho
J12	at Idaho St	F28	Grand Canyon
J14	at Weber St	M3	at Nevada-Reno
J19	Montana St		

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

N21	Marathon Oil	J21	Kent St
N26	DePaul	J25	at Ball St
N30	S Illinois-Edwardsville	J28	W Michigan
D3	at W Illinois	F4	at Ohio
D7	at Wisconsin	F4	Bowling Green
D9-10	J Madison Tourney	F8	at E Michigan
D19	Cal St-Northridge	F11	Toledo
D21	Northwestern	F15	Miami
D30	Marquette	F18	at Kent St
J4	C Michigan	F22	Ball St
J7	at Bowling Green	F25	at W Michigan
J11	E Michigan	F29	Ohio
J14	at Toledo	M3	at C Michigan
J18	at Miami		

NORTHWESTERN

N28	Bradley	J26	at Indiana
N30	Denver	J28	at Ohio St
D3	Loyola	F2	Purdue
D5	Illinois Wesleyan	F4	Illinois
D7	Notre Dame	F9	at Illinois
D10	George Mason	F11	at Purdue
D21	at W Illinois	F18	Ohio St
D27	Cleveland St	F18	Indiana
D30	at Tampa	F23	at Minnesota
J5	at Michigan	F25	at Wisconsin
J7	at Michigan St	M1	Iowa
J12	at Iowa	M3	Marquette
J19	Wisconsin	M8	Michigan St
J21	Minnesota	M10	Michigan

NOTRE DAME

N16	Yugoslavia	J21	Villanova
N25	St. Joseph's	J23	Rice
N26	Marist	J25	Davidson
N29	at Indiana	J28	Maryland
D3	UCLA	F1	Fordham
D5	St. Francis (NY)	F4	at S Carolina
D7	at Northwestern	F6	Vermont
D10	Lehigh	F9	at Rutgers
D13	Cornell	F11	DePaul
D21	Valparaiso	F15	Pittsburgh
J4	at LaSalle	F18	at Brigham Young
J6	at Holy Cross	F22	at Manhattan
J9	at Washington	F25	Marquette
J11	at Oregon	M3	at Dayton
J16	Lafayette		

OHIO STATE

N26	Akron	J26	Iowa
D1	at Maryland	J28	Northwestern
D3	Connecticut	F2	at Wisconsin
D11	at Missouri	F4	at Minnesota
D14	at Tulane	F9	Minnesota
D17	Ohio U	F11	Wisconsin
D19	Bowling Green	F16	at Northwestern
D22	Kansas	F18	at Iowa
D29-30	Cable Car Classic	F22	Michigan St
J7	Indiana	F25	Michigan
J12	Purdue	M1	at Illinois
J14	Illinois	M3	at Purdue
J18	at Michigan	M10	at Indiana
J21	at Michigan St		

OHIO U

N23	Marathon Oil	J21	at Bowling Green
N26	Charleston	J25	E Michigan
N30	at DePaul	J28	at Toledo
D3	at Pennsylvania	F1	N Illinois
D7	at Duke	F4	at Ball St
D10	Niagara	F8	W Michigan
D17	at Ohio St	F11	Miami
D27	Brooklyn	F15	at C Michigan
D29-30	Siena Tourney	F18	Bowling Green
J4	at Kent St	F22	at E Michigan
J7	Ball St	F25	Toledo
J11	at W Michigan	F29	at N Illinois
J14	at Miami	M3	Kent St
J18	C Michigan		

OKLAHOMA

N19	USSR	J21	at Kansas St
N25-28	Great Alaska Shootout	J24	Oklahoma St
D3	C Missouri	J28	at Memphis St
D6	Arkansas St	F1	Kansas
D8	Georgia St	F4	Missouri
D10	Arizona St	F8	at Nebraska
D17	Southwestern	F11	Kansas St
D23	at Oklahoma City	F15	at Oklahoma St
D28-29	All-College	F18	Colorado
J4	McNeese St	F22	at Kansas
J7	at Syracuse	F25	Iowa St
J11	at Iowa St	F29	at Missouri
J14	Nicholls St	M2	Nebraska
J18	at Colorado	M3	Nevada-Las Vegas

OKLAHOMA CITY

N19	Estonia	J21	Butler
N28	Southwestern College	J23	Xavier
D3	Texas Tech	J28	at Loyola
D5	at Hardin Simmons	J30	at Detroit
D9-10	Tulsa Oil Capital	F4	Evansville
D13	at N Texas St	F6	St. Louis
D17	Hardin Simmons	F11	at Oral Roberts
D20	Washington St	F18	at Butler
D28-29	All College Tourney	F20	at Xavier
J7	at Evansville	F25	Loyola
J9	at St. Louis	F27	Detroit
J12	Oklahoma	F29	at SW Missouri St
J16	Oral Roberts		

OKLAHOMA STATE			
N26	at Centenary	J25	at Oklahoma
N28	at Houston Baptist	J28	Missouri
N30	Florida International	F1	at Nebraska
D3	Texas A&I	F4	at Iowa St
D5	at Oral Roberts	F8	Kansas
D7	C Missouri St	F11	at Colorado
D10	St. Louis	F15	Oklahoma
D17	Tulsa	F18	at Kansas St
D21-22	Orange Bowl Classic	F22	Nebraska
D29-30	Merrill Lynch Classic	F26	at Missouri
J14	at Texas Arlington	F29	Iowa St
J18	Kansas St	M3	at Kansas
J21	Colorado		

OLD DOMINION			
N5	Blue/White Game	J21	Maryland
N22	Czechoslovakian Team	J28	UNC-Charlotte
N29	Delaware St	F1	Jacksonville
D1	Fairleigh Dickinson	F5	at S Alabama
D3	William & Mary	F9	Alabama-Birm.
D10	at VMI	F11	S Florida
D29-30	Times Dispatch	F15	at UNC-Charlotte
J5	at S Florida	F16	W Kentucky
J7	at Jacksonville	F18	S Alabama
J14	Va. Commonwealth	F22	at William & Mary
J16	at W Kentucky	F25	at Va. Commonwealth
J18	at Alabama-Birm.		

ORAL ROBERTS			
N19	Windsor	J12	Tulsa
N26	at Kansas	J16	at Oklahoma City
D1	at Tulsa	J21	Xavier
D3	Oklahoma Baptist	J23	Butler
D5	Oklahoma St	J28	at Detroit
D10	Texas A&M	J30	at Loyola
D12	Seattle Pacific	F4	St. Louis
D17	at Texas	F6	Evansville
D21	at Long Beach St	F11	Oklahoma City
D30	at Bradley	F16	SW Missouri
J3	Texas-Arlington	F18	at Xavier
J5	Abilene Christian	F20	at Butler
J7	at St. Louis	F25	Detroit
J9	at Evansville	F27	Loyola

OREGON			
N22	Athletes in Action	J21	at Washington St
N29	at Pacific	J26	Arizona
D3	at Colorado	J28	Arizona St
D5	at Minnesota	F2	Oregon St
D10	Wichita St	F9	at UCLA
D21	at Brigham Young	F11	at S California
D28-29	Far West Classic	F16	Washington St
J5	at California	F18	Washington
J7	at Stanford	F23	at Arizona
J11	Notre Dame	F25	at Arizona St
J12	S California	M3	at Oregon St
J14	UCLA	M8	Stanford
J19	at Washington	M10	California

OREGON STATE			
N26	Athletes in Action	J26	Arizona
D2-3	Amana Hawkeye	J28	Arizona St
D10	Iowa	F4	at Oregon
D16	Utah	F9	at S California
D17	at Portland	F11	at UCLA
D19	at Fresno St	F16	Washington
D27-30	Far West Classic	F18	Washington St
J5	at Stanford	F23	at Arizona St
J7	at California	F25	at Arizona
J12	UCLA	M3	Oregon
J14	S California	M8	California
J19	at Washington St	M10	Stanford
J21	at Washington		

PACIFIC			
N25	at Weber St	J21	at Nevada-Las Vegas
N26	at Montana	J26	Long Beach St
N29	Oregon	J28	New Mexico St
D2-3	Shocker Classic	F2	Fresno St
D10	California	F6	at Utah St
D16-17	Casaba Club Classic	F9	at Santa Barbara
D27-30	Rainbow Classic	F11	at Fullerton St
J5	Portland	F16	Nevada-Las Vegas
J7	at Fresno St	F18	Cal-Irvine
J9	at San Jose St	F23	at Long Beach St
J12	Fullerton St	F25	at New Mexico St
J14	Santa Barbara	F29	Utah St
J19	at Cal-Irvine	M4	San Jose St

PENN STATE			
N30	Indiana (PA)	J26	at W Virginia
D6	Maryland	J28	at St. Joseph's
D10	at Bradley	F2	Massachusetts
D14	Philadelphia Textile	F4	St. Joseph's
D17	UNC-Charlotte	F9	Rhode Island
D28-29	Conn. Mutual Classic	F11	at Massachusetts
J5	at St. Bonaventure	F16	at George Washington
J7	at Temple	F18	W Virginia
F12	Duquesne	F23	at Rutgers
F14	Rutgers	F25	at Duquesne
F19	George Washington	M1	Temple
J21	at Rhode Island	M3	St. Bonaventure
J23	at Boston U		

PEPPERDINE			
N17	Australian Team	J12	Missouri-Kansas City
N30	Cal-Irvine	J19	at Santa Clara
D2-3	Mailbu Classic	J26	at Gonzaga
D8	Wichita St	J28	at Portland
D10	at Texas Tech	F3	St. Mary's
D16-17	Casaba Classic	F4	San Diego
D20	Nevada-Reno	F11	Loyola Marymount
D23	Fullerton St	F16	at San Diego
D27	at Tulsa	F18	at St. Mary's
D30	Evansville	F24	Portland
J2	at Long Beach St	F25	Gonzaga
J5	DePaul	M3	Santa Clara
J7	at N Arizona	M8	at Loyola Marymount
J9	at Colorado		

PITTSBURGH			
N26	Westminster	J21	at Seton Hall
N30	at Lafayette	J25	Syracuse
D3	Indiana (PA)	J28	Georgetown
D5	at St. Francis	F1	at Providence
D10	Robert Morris	F4	Boston College
D17	at W Virginia	F8	at Connecticut
D20	Florida St	F11	Villanova
D27-28	Gold Triangle Classic	F15	at Notre Dame
J4	at Boston College	F18	at St. John's
J7	Connecticut	F22	Seton Hall
J9	at Villanova	F25	at Syracuse
J14	Duquesne	F29	at Georgetown
J16	St. John's	M3	Providence

PROVIDENCE			
N12	Swedish Team	J21	Connecticut
N30	Assumption	J25	at Villanova
D3	Arizona	J28	at Dayton
D7	Marquette	F1	Pittsburgh
D10	Holy Cross	F4	Seton Hall
D13	Long Island	F8	St. John's
D17	Rhode Island	F11	at Boston College
D28-29	Fleet Classic	F15	at Syracuse
J4	at Seton Hall	F18	Georgetown
J7	at St. John's	F22	at Connecticut
J11	Boston College	F25	Villanova
J14	Syracuse	F27	Howard
J18	at Georgetown	M3	at Pittsburgh

PURDUE			
N25-26	Sun-Met Classic	J26	Michigan
N30	Louisville	J28	Michigan St
D3	at Miami (OH)	F1	at Northwestern
D5	Boston U	F4	at Iowa
D10	Tampa	F9	Iowa
D17	Youngstown St	F11	Northwestern
D19	at Evansville	F16	at Michigan St
D22	at DePaul	F18	at Michigan
D28	at Kentucky	F25	Illinois
J5	Wisconsin	F29	Indiana
J7	Minnesota	M3	Ohio St
J12	at Ohio St	M6	at Wisconsin
J14	at Indiana	M10	at Minnesota
J21	at Illinois		

RHODE ISLAND			
N17	St. Francis Xavier	J26	St. Joseph's
N25-26	Lapchick Tourney	J28	at Massachusetts
D1	Stonehill	J31	at Brown
D3	Rutgers	F2	at George Washington
D6	at New Hampshire	F4	Massachusetts
D13	Boston College	F7	Duquesne
D17	at Providence	F9	at Penn St
D28-29	Fleet Classic	F11	George Washington
J7	at St. Bonaventure	F16	at Temple
J12	W Virginia	F18	at St. Joseph's
J16	at Duquesne	F25	at W Virginia
J19	Temple	M1	St. Bonaventure
J21	Penn St	M3	at Rutgers

RICE			
N26	Concordia	J21	at Houston
N29	at Tulane	J23	at Notre Dame
D1	Texas-San Antonio	J28	Arkansas
D3	Louisiana Tech	F1	at Baylor
D10	Texas Southern	F4	at Texas A&M
D12	Austin College	F8	SMU
D21	St. Mary's	F11	TCU
D29-30	Krystal Classic	F15	at Texas
J4	Texas A&M	F18	at Texas Tech
J7	at SMU	F22	Houston
J11	at TCU	F27	Prairie View A&M
J14	Texas	F29	at Arkansas
J18	Texas Tech	M3	Baylor

RICHMOND			
N25-26	Tip Off Tourney	J23	at Campbell
N30	Radford	J25	James Madison
D3	at E Tennessee	J28	William & Mary
D6	Catholic U	F1	S Carolina
D10	at VCU	F4	Marquette
D21	N Carolina-Wilmington	F8	Navy
D28-29	Times Dispatch	F11	at George Mason
J4	at Wake Forest	F15	VCU
J7	at Virginia Tech	F18	E Carolina
J9	VMI	F25	at James Madison
J11	at Navy	F29	Virginia Tech
J18	George Mason	M3	at William & Mary
J21	at E Carolina		

RIDER			
N26	at Alabama	J25	Lehigh
N28	at James Madison	J28	at Lafayette
D2-3	Governor's Classic	J30	at Hofstra
D7	at Rutgers	F4	Bucknell
D9-10	Marist Tourney	F8	at Drexel
D26	Lafayette	F11	at Lehigh
D28-29	Utica Tourney	F16	at Monmouth
J4	Towson St	F18	at Delaware
J11	at American	F22	American
F14	Hofstra	F25	Drexel
J18	Montclair St	F29	at Bucknell
J21	at Towson St	M3	Delaware

RUTGERS			
N10	Czechoslovakia	J19	at Duquesne
N26	Fairleigh Dickinson	J21	at Temple
N29	at Princeton	J25	St. Bonaventure
D3	at Rhode Island	J28	at George Washington
D7	Rider	F2	at W Virginia
D10	Lafayette	F4	George Washington
D17	Temple	F9	Notre Dame
D21	Michigan	F11	W Virginia
D26	Seton Hall	F16	Duquesne
J5	St. John's	F18	at St. Bonaventure
J7	Massachusetts	F23	Penn St
J12	at St. Joseph's	F25	St. Joseph's
J14	at Penn St	M1	at Massachusetts
J16	Monmouth	M3	Rhode Island

SAN DIEGO			
F18	Australia Team	J9	St. Marty
N25	St. Thomas	J19	Gonzaga
N26	Army	J21	Portland
N28	Long Beach St	J28	Santa Clara
D1	at Texas Tech	F3	at Loyola-Marymount
D3	at N Arizona	F4	at Pepperdine
D15	Spring Arbor	F11	at St. Mary's
D17	UC Irvine	F16	Pepperdine
D19	at Santa Barbara	F18	Loyola-Marymount
D22	Idaho St	F23	at Santa Clara
D28-29	Wolfpack Classic	M1	at Portland
J2	Idaho	M3	at Gonzaga
J5	at San Diego St	M8	St. Mary's
J7	W Illinois		

SAN DIEGO STATE			
N28	at St. Mary's	J28	Hawaii
D3	UC-Irvine	F2	at Air Force
D6	Long Beach St	F4	at Colorado St
D9-10	Oil Capital Classic	F6	at Wyoming
D17	Arizona	F9	Texas-El Paso
D20	at Texas	F11	New Mexico
D29-30	Cabrillo Classic	F16	at Brigham Young
J3	Navy	F18	at Utah
J5	U of San Diego	F25	at Hawaii
J12	at Texas-El Paso	F29	Colorado St
J14	at New Mexico	M1	Wyoming
J19	Utah	M3	Air Force
J21	Brigham Young		

SAN JOSE STATE			
N29	San Francisco St	J21	at New Mexico St
D2-3	Stanford Invitational	J23	at Long Beach St
D6	Sanoma St	J28	Utah St
D8	at Southern Cal	F2	Fullerton St
D10	Santa Clara	F4	at Fresno St
D17	at Nevada-Reno	F6	Santa Barbara
D19	at Loyola Marymount	F9	at UC-Irvine
D21	Portland	F12	at Nevada-Las Vegas
J5	at Santa Barbara	F16	New Mexico St
J7	at Fullerton St	F18	Long Beach St
J9	Pacific	F23	at Utah St
J12	Nevada-Las Vegas	M1	Fresno St
J14	UC-Irvine	M4	at Pacific

SANTA BARBARA			
N12	Alberta	J21	at Fullerton St
N26	Bemidji St	J26	Nevada-Las Vegas
N29	at Loyola	J29	Cal-Irvine
D2	San Francisco St	F2	at Utah St
D3	Langston-Oklahoma	F6	at San Jose St
D5	Chico St	F9	Pacific
D16-17	Bayou Classic	F11	Fresno St
D19	San Diego	F13	at Long Beach St
D21	Houston	F18	Fullerton St
J5	San Jose St	F23	at Cal-Irvine
J8	Utah St	F25	at Nevada-Las Vegas
J12	at Fresno	M1	Long Beach St
J14	at Pacific	M3	New Mexico St
J16	at New Mexico St		

SANTA CLARA			
N19	Australian Olympic	J11	Stanford
D25-27	Great Alaska Shootout	J19	Pepperdine
N29	Fordham	J21	Loyola Marymount
D2	USC	J26	at St. Mary's
D6	Humboldt St	J28	at San Diego
D10	at San Jose St	F2	Gonzaga
D16-17	Kettle Classic	F4	Portland
D22	California	F16	at Portland
D23	UC-Davis	F18	at Gonzaga
D29-30	Cable Car Classic	F23	San Diego
J2	San Francisco St	F25	St. Mary's
J4	Idaho	M1	at Loyola-Marymount
J7	at Nevada-Reno	M3	at Pepperdine

SETON HALL			
N26	Dowling	J18	at Villanova
N29	Pace	J21	Pittsburgh
D2	Fiesta Bowl	J25	St. John's
D7	Manhattan	J28	at Boston College
D10	LeMoine	J31	at Columbia
D13	at St. Peter's	F4	at Providence
D17	Monmouth	F6	Syracuse
D22	Fordham	F9	at Georgetown
D26	Rutgers	F15	Connecticut
D30	at Syracuse	F18	Villanova
J2	Providence	F22	at Pittsburgh
J7	Georgetown	F25	at St. John's
J14	at Connecticut	F28	Boston College

SOUTH ALABAMA			
N29	Illinois St	J21	Alabama-Birm
D3	Prairie View A&M	J26	Old Dominion
D6	Mississippi Valley St	J29	N Carolina-Charlotte
D8-9	Colonial Classic	J31	Jacksonville
D12	at New Orleans	F4	at W Kentucky
D17	Texas Southern	F7	New Orleans
D19	S Mississippi	F11	at Alabama-Birm.
D21-22	Orange Bowl Classic	F16	W Kentucky
J2	Roosevelt	F18	at S Florida
J4	Va. Commonwealth	F21	at Jacksonville
J10	S Florida	F25	at N Carolina-Charlotte
J14	at Old Dominion	F27	Bethune Cookman
J16	at Va. Commonwealth		

SOUTH CAROLINA			
N19	Canadian Team	J23	at Vanderbilt
N26	N Carolina-Ashville	J28	Florida St
N29	Missouri-St. Louis	J30	Tulane
D3	at Clemson	F1	at Richmond
D10	E Tennessee St	F4	Notre Dame
D18	The Citadel	F6	at S Mississippi
D20	at Virginia Tech	F11	Clemson
D29-30	Citrus Classic	F13	at Memphis St
J3	at Florida St	F15	at Georgia Tech
J5	St. Francis (PA)	F18	Virginia Tech
J7	at Davidson	F25	at Tulane
J14	at Marquette	F27	S Mississippi
J18	Memphis St	M1	at DePaul
J21	Campbell		

SOUTH FLORIDA			
N21	Czechoslovakia Team	J20	DePaul
N28	Bethune Cookman	J26	at VCU
N30	at Florida	J28	W Kentucky
D3	Long Island	J31	Alabama-Birm.
D5	at Duke	F2	VCU
D17	Akron	F4	UNC-Charlotte
D20-21	Miller Classic	F11	at Old Dominion
D27-28	Music City Invitational	F16	at UNC-Charlotte
J3	Marist	F18	S Alabama
J5	Old Dominion	F20	at Alabama-Birm.
J10	at S Alabama	F22	Florida St
J14	Jacksonville	F24	at Jacksonville
J16	at W Kentucky	M8	Monmouth

SOUTHERN CAL			
N14	Australian Team	J19	Stanford
N25-27	Great Alaska Shootout	J21	California
N30	at Utah	F2	at Washington St
D2	at Santa Clara	F4	at Washington
D5	American	F9	Oregon St
D8	San Jose St	F11	Oregon
D9	Penn	F16	at California
D13	UC-Irvine	F18	at Stanford
D15	Texas-San Antonio	F23	UCLA
D23	Portland	F25	at UCLA
D29-30	Winston Tire Classic	M1	Washington St
J5	Arizona	M4	Washington St
J8	Arizona St	M8	at Arizona St
J12	at Oregon	M10	at Arizona
J14	at Oregon St		

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS			
N28	Missouri-Kansas City	J19	at Bradley
N30	Indiana St-Evansville	J21	Wichita St
D2	Mississippi Valley St	J26	Drake
D3	at Wisconsin	J28	at Illinois St
D7	St. Louis	F2	Bradley
D9-10	Busch Shoot Out	F4	at Indiana St
D16-17	Bayou Classic	F9	Creighton
D22-23	Rebel Round-Up	F11	Tulsa
J7	W Texas St	F18	at W Texas St
J9	Indiana St	F23	Illinois St
J12	at Creighton	F25	at Tulsa
J14	at Wichita St	M1	at Drake

ST. BONAVENTURE			
N29	Ashland College	J26	at Rutgers
D7	at Niagara	J28	Duquesne
D10	Canisius	F2	Temple
D13	at St. Joseph's	F4	at Duquesne
D17	Pace	F9	at Massachusetts
D23	at Syracuse	F11	at Temple
D28-29	at Rochester Classic	F16	at W Virginia
J5	Penn St	F18	Rutgers
J7	Rhode Island	F20	at Boston U
J12	at George Washington	F23	St. Joseph's
J16	Widener U	F25	George Washington
J19	W Virginia	M1	at Rhode Island
J21	Massachusetts	M3	at Penn St

ST. JOHN'S			
N25-26	Lapchick Tourney	J25	at Seton Hall
D3	Columbia	J28	at Syracuse
D10	Open	F1	Villanova
D13	Manhattan	F4	at DePaul
D17	Wagner	F8	at Providence
D23	Niagara	F11	at Connecticut
D27-29	ECAC Festival	F13	Boston College
J5	Rutgers	F18	Pittsburgh
J7	Providence	F21	at Georgetown
J10	Connecticut	F25	Seton Hall
J14	at Boston College	F27	Syracuse
J16	at Pittsburgh	M3	at Villanova
J21	Georgetown		

ST. JOSEPH'S			
N26	Wheeling College	J26	at Rhode Island
N30	Villanova	J28	Penn St
D3	at Fairfield	F2	Duquesne
D6	LaSalle	F4	at Penn St
D13	St. Bonaventure	F7	DePaul
D29-30	Cable Car Classic	F9	George Washington
J4	Temple	F11	at Duquesne
J7	at W Virginia	F16	at Massachusetts
J10	Widener	F18	Rhode Island
J12	Rutgers	F23	at St. Bonaventure
J14	Pennsylvania	F25	at Rutgers
J19	Massachusetts	M1	W Virginia
J21	at George Washington	M3	Temple

ST. LOUIS			
N25	William Penn	J16	at Butler
N26	CBC Memphis	J21	Detroit
D1	Kansas	J23	Loyola
D5	Bradley	J28	at Evansville
D7	at Ill.-Carbondale	J30	at Missouri-St. Louis
D10	at Oklahoma St	F4	at Oral Roberts
D17	SW Missouri St	F6	at Oklahoma City
D19	St. Ambrose	F11	Xavier
D28	at Indiana St	F13	Butler
D30	Hardin-Simmons	F18	at Detroit
J2	at Drake	F20	at Loyola
J7	Oral Roberts	F25	Evansville
J9	Oklahoma City	M1	Valparaiso
J14	at Xavier		

ST. MARY'S			
N17	Guadalajara	J14	Missouri-Kansas City
N25	S California	J19	Portland
N26	Hayward St	J21	Gonzaga
N28	San Diego St	J26	Santa Clara
D2-3	Fiesta Classic	F3	at Pepperdine
D6	Newada-Reno	F4	at Loyola-Marymount
D9-10	Cougar Classic	F11	San Diego
D17	Cal-Berkeley	F16	Loyola-Marymount
D19	at Washington	F18	Pepperdine
D22	at UCLA	F25	at Santa Clara
D30	at Fullerton St	M1	at Gonzaga
J7	Navy	M3	at Portland
J9	DePaul	M8	at San Diego
J10	Chico St		

ST. PETER'S			
N26	Muhlenberg	J21	Army
D1	Michigan St	J23	Drexel
D3	at St. Francis (NY)	J25	at Fairfield
D6	at Ulica	J28	at Iona
D10	Delaware St	F1	LaSalle
D13	Seton Hall	F9	at Holy Cross
D17	Marist	F11	Manhattan
D28	at Arkansas	F15	at Fordham
J3	Brooklyn	F18	at Army
J7	Manhattan	F20	at Delaware St
J11	Holy Cross	F22	Fairfield
J14	at LaSalle	F25	Iona
J18	Fordham		

STANFORD			
N3	Japanese Team	J14	California
N26	Hawaii Pacific	J19	at USC
N28	Bemidji St	J23	at Oregon St
D2-3	Hewlett Packard	J26	Washington
D10	San Diego	F28	Washington St
D17	E Montana	F2	at Arizona St
D19	Harvard	F4	at Arizona
D22	at Hawaii Pacific	F10	at California
D23	at Chaminade	F16	USC
D28	at BYU Hawaii	F18	UCLA
D31	W Michigan	F23	at Washington St
J2	US International	F25	at Washington
J5	Oregon St	M1	Arizona
J7	Oregon	M3	Arizona St
J10	at UCLA	M8	at Oregon
J11	at Santa Clara		

SYRACUSE			
N21	Intrasquad	J21	Boston College
N23	Swedish Team	J24	at Pittsburgh
N26	Colgate	J26	at Canisius
D3-4	Cornell	J28	St. John's
D10	Carrier Classic	J30	Georgetown
D13	N Carolina	F4	at Villanova
D17	Ulica College	F6	at Seton Hall
D23	St. Bonaventure	F11	C.W. Post
D30	Seton Hall	F14	Providence
J3	Villanova	F18	Connecticut
J7	Oklahoma	F22	at Boston College
J14	at Providence	F25	Pittsburgh
J18	at Connecticut	M3	at St. John's

TEMPLE			
N28	at Drexel	J26	at Duquesne
D7	at Bowling Green	J28	W Virginia
D10	Villanova	F2	at St. Bonaventure
D17	at Rutgers	F4	at W Virginia
D22	at Wichita St	F8	Pennsylvania
D28-29	Providence Classic	F11	St. Bonaventure
J4	St. Joseph's	F16	Rhode Island
J7	Penn St	F18	Duquesne
J12	Massachusetts	F22	George Washington
J14	at George Washington	F25	LaSalle
J17	Dayton	F27	at Massachusetts
J19	at Rhode Island	M1	at Penn St
J21	Rutgers	M3	St. Joseph's

TENNESSEE			
N25	Ohio Northern	J21	Florida
N30	Xavier	J24	Auburn
D3	California	J28	at Vanderbilt
D7	Morehead St	J30	at Kentucky
D13	Georgia St	F2	at Mississippi
D16-17	Volunteer Classic	F6	at LSU
D20	Hardin Simmons	F11	Mississippi St
D23	at Arizona	F13	Alabama
D27-30	Rainbow Classic	F18	at Florida
J3	at Georgia	F20	at Auburn
J8	Mississippi	F25	Vanderbilt
J10	LSU	F27	Kentucky
J14	at Mississippi St	M4	Georgia
J16	at Alabama		

TEHN-CHATTANOOGA			
N8	Blue/Gold Classic	J14	at Marshall
N13	Marathon Oil	J16	at VMI
N25	Birmingham Southern	J21	Davidson
N28	at N Carolina	J24	at W Carolina
D3	Tennessee Wesleyan	J28	Furman
D7	at The Citadel	J30	E Tennessee St
D10	Alabama-Birm.	F4	Marshall
D16-17	Tennessee Classic	F9	W Carolina
D20	Tennessee Tech	F13	The Citadel
D29-30	Krystal Classic	F18	at Furman
J2	Tennessee Temple	F20	at Davidson
J4	VMI	F25	at E Tennessee St
J10	at Appalachian St	F27	Appalachian St

TENNESSEE TECH			
N26	Clinch Valley	J21	Youngstown St
D1	Georgia Southern	J23	at SW Louisiana
D6	at Indiana	J26	Murray St
D9-10	Champions Tourney	J28	Austin Peay
D15	at S Mississippi	F4	Union College
D20	at Tenn-Chattanooga	F9	at Murray St
D29	Geneva College	F11	at Austin Peay
D32	Milligan College	F16	E Kentucky
J7	M Tennessee St	F18	Morehead St
J12	at E Kentucky	F23	at Akron
J14	at Morehead St	F25	at Youngstown St
J16	at Tennessee St	F29	at Georgia Southern
J19	Akron	M3	at M Tennessee St

TEXAS			
N18	Yugoslavia Team	J18	Arkansas
N26	Missouri Southern St	J21	Baylor
N30	New Orleans	J25	at Texas A&M
D3	at Iowa St	J8	at SMU
D6	Biscayne College	F1	TCU
D10	at Long Beach St	F8	at Texas Tech
D13	Georgia SW	F11	Houston
D17	Oral Roberts	F15	Rice
D20	San Diego St	F18	at Arkansas
D29-30	Utah Classic	F22	at Baylor
J4	at Kansas St	F25	Texas A&M
J7	Texas Tech	F29	SMU
J11	at Houston	M3	at TCU
J14	at Rice		

TEXAS A&M			
N12	Houston AAU Flyers	J21	TCU
N26	Texas Lutheran	J25	Texas
N29	Prairie View A&M	J28	at Texas Tech
D3	at LSU	F2	at Houston
D5	Southwestern	F4	Rice
D10	at Oral Roberts	F8	Arkansas
D16-17	Indiana Classic	F11	at Baylor
D27-28	Music City Invitational	F18	SMU
J2	Angelo St	F22	at TCU
J4	at Rice	F25	at Texas
J7	at Arkansas	F29	Texas Tech
J11	Baylor	M3	Houston
J18	at SMU		

TEXAS ARLINGTON			
N26	at TCU	J23	at N Texas St
N28	Texas A&I	J26	at Lamar
N30	SE Louisiana	J28	at Arkansas St
D2-3	Evansville Tournament	J30	at Texas-San Antonio
D7	at Baylor	F2	NE Louisiana
D10	SW Missouri	F4	at Louisiana Tech
D30	at Colorado St	F6	Texas Wesleyan
J3	at Oral Roberts	F9	N Texas St
J9	at SW Missouri	F11	McNeese St
J14	Oklahoma St	F18	Lamar
J16	Texas-San Antonio	F23	Arkansas St
J19	at McNeese St	F25	at NE Louisiana
J21	at SE Louisiana	M1	Louisiana Tech

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

N26	Texas Arlington	J14	Arkansas
N29	Southwestern	J18	at Baylor
D1	E Texas St	J21	at Texas A&M
D3	Texas San Antonio	J25	SMU
D6	at N Texas St	F1	at Texas
D9-10	Marshall Invitational	F4	Texas Tech
D17	Long Beach St	F8	Houston
D20	California Baptist	F11	at Rice
D23	Texas Lutheran	F15	at Arkansas
D27	at Colorado	F18	Baylor
J4	at Texas Tech	F22	Texas A&M
J7	at Houston	F25	at SMU
J11	Rice	M3	Texas

TEXAS TECH

N26	at Washington	J18	at Rice
N28	at Nebraska	J21	at Arkansas
D1	San Diego	J25	Baylor
D3	at Oklahoma City	J28	Texas A&M
D7	New Mexico St	F1	at SMU
D10	Pepperdine	F4	at TCU
D15	Long Beach St	F8	Texas
D17	N Texas St	F15	at Houston
D21	at Memphis St	F18	Rice
D27-28	Sun Bowl Tourney	F22	Arkansas
J4	TCU	F25	at Baylor
J7	at Texas	F29	at Texas A&M
J14	Houston	M3	SMU

TEXAS EL PASO

N17	Yugoslavian Team	J14	San Diego St
N26	Texas Southern	J19	at Colorado St
N29	New Mexico St	J21	at Wyoming
D3	at New Mexico St	J23	at Air Force
D6	Southern U	J28	at New Mexico
D10	Indiana	F3	Utah
D16	St. Mary's	F4	Brigham Young
D19	Louisiana Tech	F9	at San Diego St
D22	at Arizona St	F11	at Hawaii
D27-28	Sun Bowl Tourney	F18	Wyoming
J8	Alcorn St	F20	Colorado St
J5	US International	F25	New Mexico
J7	Air Force	M1	at Brigham Young
J12	Hawaii	M3	at Utah

THE CITADEL

N28	Piedmont	J23	at Davidson
D3	Baptist	J25	at Furman
D7	Tenn-Chattanooga	J28	Appalachian St
D10	at Clemson	F1	Loyola-Balt.
D17	Davidson	F3-4	North/South
D18	at S Carolina	F8	VMI
J5	Francis Marion	F11	E Tennessee St
J9	Marshall	F13	at Tenn-Chattanooga
J11	Charleston	F16	Newberry
J14	at E Tennessee St	F18	at Marshall
J16	at W Carolina	F20	at VMI
J19	Furman	F23	S Carolina St
J21	at Appalachian St	F25	W Carolina

TOLEDO

N26	at Michigan	J21	Ball St
N29	Kentucky St	J25	at W Michigan
D8	Arizona St	J28	Ohio
D10	Wittenberg	F1	at C Michigan
D17	Dayton	F4	E Michigan
D20	Wisconsin	F8	Miami
D26	at Detroit	F11	at N Illinois
D29-30	Blade Glass Classic	F15	Kent St
J4	Bowling Green	F18	at Ball St
J7	at E Michigan	F22	W Michigan
J11	at Miami	F25	at Ohio
J14	N Illinois	F29	C Michigan
J18	at Kent St	M3	at Bowling Green

TOWSON STATE

N28	at Virginia Tech	J21	Rider
D2	at UNC-Wilmington	J25	Loyola
D3	at Campbell	F28	Lehigh
D6	York College	J30	at George Mason
D10	at American	F1	at Delaware
D18	Howard	F4	at Hofstra
D21	Bucknell	F11	American
D28	at N Carolina St	F15	at James Madison
D30	at William & Mary	F18	at Drexel
J4	at Rider	F20	Delaware
J7	Washington College	F22	Hofstra
J11	Lafayette	F29	at Lehigh
J14	Drexel	M3	at Lafayette
J17	at Bucknell		

TULANE

N26	Marathon Oil	J21	New Orleans
N29	Rice	J23	at Memphis St
D3	Tampa	J30	at S Carolina
D6	Nicholls St	F1	at Louisville
D8	C Florida	F4	at Virginia Tech
D14	Ohio St	F6	Cincinnati
D19	at Georgia St	F11	Drake
D28-29	Sugar Bowl Tourney	F15	at Cincinnati
J3	MacMurray College	F18	at New Orleans
J7	Memphis St	F20	at Florida St
J9	Florida St	F25	S Carolina
J11	S Mississippi	F29	Louisville
J16	Virginia Tech	M3	at S Mississippi
J18	at SE Louisiana		

TULSA

N16	Italian Nationals	J14	at W Texas St
N26	College of the Ozarks	J19	Illinois St
D1	Oral Roberts	J21	at Bradley
D3	Alabama St	J26	Creighton
D9-10	First Tulsa Classic	F2	at Wichita St
D17	at Oklahoma St	F4	Drake
D20	Oklahoma Baptist	F9	at Indiana St
D23	Missouri-Kansas City	F11	at S Illinois
D27	Pepperdine	F16	at Creighton
D31	Southern-Baton Rouge	F18	Wichita St
J2	W Texas St	F25	S Illinois
J5	at Drake	M1	Indiana St
J7	Bradley	M3	at Illinois St
J12	at Oral Roberts		

UTAH

N17	Alberta	J26	Colorado St
N25-26	Horizon Classic	J28	Wyoming
N30	S California	J30	Air Force
D3	at Nevada-Reno	F2	at Texas-El Paso
D5	Colorado	F4	at New Mexico
D8	at Weber St	F11	Brigham Young
D13	Utah St	F16	Hawaii
D16	at Oregon St	F18	San Diego St
D20	at Utah St	F23	at Wyoming
D29-30	Utah Classic	F25	at Air Force
J5	Montana St	F27	at Colorado St
J14	at Brigham Young	M1	New Mexico
J19	at San Diego St	M3	Texas-El Paso
J21	at Hawaii		

UTAH STATE

N26	Brigham Young	J28	at San Jose St
D3	Weber St	J30	Fresno St
D9-10	Cougar Classic	F2	Santa Barbara
D13	at Utah	F4	Fullerton St
D16-17	Indiana Classic	F6	Pacific
D20	Utah	F9	at Nevada-Las Vegas
D22	at Weber St	F11	at UC-Irvine
J5	at Fullerton St	F16	Long Beach St
J8	at Santa Barbara	F18	New Mexico St
J12	UC-Irvine	F23	San Jose St
J14	Nevada-Las Vegas	F25	at Fresno St
J19	at New Mexico St	F29	at Pacific
J21	at Long Beach St		

VANDERBILT

N17	USSR Team	J20	at Kentucky
N26	at Duke	J23	S Carolina
N30	at Iowa St	J28	Tennessee
D5	Illinois	J30	Georgia
D10	E Kentucky	F2	at Mississippi St
D17	Clemson	F6	at Alabama
D21	Austin Peay	F11	Florida
D27-28	Music City Tourney	F13	Auburn
J1	at LSU	F19	Kentucky
J4	at Mississippi	F25	at Tennessee
J7	Mississippi St	F27	at Georgia
J11	Alabama	M1	LSU
J15	at Florida	M3	Mississippi
J17	at Auburn		

VERMONT

N26	Plattsburgh St	J21	at Maine
N29	at LaSalle	J28	Dartmouth
D3	Northeastern	J30	Canisius
D7	at Siena	F1	New Hampshire
D10	at Harvard	F4	at Dayton
D27	at Drexel	F6	at Notre Dame
D30	Monmouth	F9	Middlebury
J4	Utica	F11	Colgate
J7	at Colgate	F15	at St. Michael's
J9	at Yale	F18	at Boston U
J14	at Northeastern	F24	at New Hampshire
J18	Boston U	M1	at Niagara
J20	Niagara	M3	at Canisius

VILLANOVA

N30	St. Joseph's	J27	at Connecticut
D3	Loyola	J29	Arkansas
D10	Temple	F1	at St. John's
D17	LaSalle	F4	Syracuse
D22-23	Alabama-Birm. Classic	F6	at Boston College
D27-28	Gator Bowl	F11	at Pittsburgh
J3	at Syracuse	F15	Georgetown
J7	Boston College	F18	at Seton Hall
J9	Pittsburgh	F21	Pennsylvania
J12	at Georgetown	F25	at Providence
J18	Seton Hall	F28	Connecticut
J21	at Notre Dame	M3	St. John's
J24	Providence		

VIRGINIA

N17	Athletes in Action	J23	at Georgia Tech
N25-26	Cavalier Tourney	J28	at Wake Forest
D3	Randolph-Macon	J31	Maryland
D9	James Madison	F4	at Duke
D17	at George Washington	F9	N Carolina
D28	William & Mary	F11	at Louisville
J4	UNC-Wilmington	F15	at Virginia Tech
J7	at Virginia Tech	F18	at Houston
J11	Duke	F22	Clemson
J14	N Carolina St	F25	at N Carolina St
J17	at N Carolina	F29	Wake Forest
J21	at Pennsylvania	M4	at Maryland

VIRGINIA TECH

N26	Maryland-E Shore	J21	S Mississippi
N28	Towson St	J23	Louisville
D2	at Wake Forest	J28	Cincinnati
D3	at N Carolina St	J30	at Memphis St
D7	Spirit Express	F4	Tulane
D10	George Washington	F8	Memphis St
D17	VMI	F15	at Virginia
D20	S Carolina	F18	at S Carolina
D29-30	Times Dispatch	F20	W Virginia
J4	at Virginia	F23	at S Mississippi
J7	Richmond	F25	at Florida St
J9	at Cincinnati	F29	at Richmond
J14	at Louisville	M3	Florida St
J16	at Tulane		

VIRGINIA MILITARY

N28	Emory & Henry	J21	at Bucknell
N30	at Navy	J23	E Tennessee St
D3	Radford	J28	at Davidson
D5	Bridgewater	J30	W Carolina
D7	Averett	F4	at W Carolina
D10	Old Dominion	F6	at Furman
D17	at Virginia Tech	F8	at The Citadel
J4	at Tenn-Chattanooga	F11	Appalachian St
J7	at E Tennessee St	F13	Davidson
J9	at Richmond	F16	Marshall
J11	at Marshall	F20	The Citadel
J14	at Appalachian St	F22	James Madison
J16	Tenn-Chattanooga	F27	Furman
J18	at William & Mary		

WAKE FOREST

N10	Athletes in Action	J21	at N Carolina St
N28	Furman	J25	at N Carolina
D2-3	McDonald's Classic	J28	Virginia
D6	Davidson	F1	Georgia Tech
D10	Appalachian St	F4	at Clemson
D21	at Marquette	F8	Maryland
D27-28	Gator Bowl	F11	N Carolina-Wilmington
D30	at Rollins	F15	Clemson
J4	Richmond	F18	at Duke
J7	at Georgia Tech	F22	Monmouth
J11	William & Mary	F26	at Maryland
J14	N Carolina	F29	at Virginia
J18	Duke	M3	N Carolina St

WASHINGTON

N26	Texas Tech	J21	Oregon St
N28	at Brigham Young	J26	at Stanford
D1	LSU	F2	S California
D3	at New Mexico	F4	UCLA
D7	at Missouri	F9	Arizona St
D19	St. Mary's	F11	Arizona
D29-30	Cabrillo Classic	F16	at Oregon St
J2	at California	F18	at Oregon
J7	Washington St	F23	California
J9	Notre Dame	F25	Stanford
J12	at Arizona	M1	at UCLA
J14	at Arizona St	M4	at S California
J19	Oregon	M8	at Washington St

WEBER STATE

N18	Alberta	J14	N Arizona
N25	Pacific	J21	at Idaho St
N26	S Utah St	J28	at Montana
D1	E Washington	J26	at Montana St
D3	at Utah St	F2	Idaho
D8	Utah	F4	Boise St
D10	New Mexico St	F9	at N Arizona
D12	Lamar	F11	at Nevada-Reno
D17	at Gonzaga	F18	Idaho St
D22	Utah St	F23	Montana St
D29-30	Utah Classic	F25	Montana
J3	at SW Louisiana	M1	at Boise St
J7	at Brigham Young	M3	at Idaho
J12	Nevada-Reno		

WEST TEXAS STATE

N29	Geneva	J19	Drake
D3	at Southern U A&M	J21	at Creighton
D6	Fort Lewis	J28	at Bradley
D8	S Colorado	J30	at Drake
D10	at Illinois	F4	Illinois St
D16	Pan American	F6	Wichita St
D20	E Montana	F11	at Indiana St
D28	Southern U A&M	F13	at Illinois St
J2	at Tulsa	F18	S Illinois
J5	Texas-San Antonio	F23	Creighton
J7	at S Illinois	F25	at Wichita St
J12	Bradley	F27	at Texas-San Antonio
J14	Tulsa	M3	Indiana St
J16	at Pan American		

WEST VIRGINIA

N28	Indiana (PA)	J28	at Temple
D3	at Marshall	F2	Rutgers
D7	Robert Morris	F4	Temple
D10	at Nevada-Las Vegas	F9	at Duquesne
D17	Pittsburgh	F11	at Rutgers
D22	Seattle	F16	St. Bonaventure
J5	George Washington	F18	at Penn St
J7	St. Joseph's	F20	at Virginia Tech
J12	at Rhode Island	F23	Massachusetts
J14	at Massachusetts	F25	Rhode Island
J19	at St. Bonaventure	M1	at St. Joseph's
J21	Duquesne	M3	at George Washington
J26	Penn St		

WESTERN CAROLINA			
N28	Milligan	J26	Campbell
D2-3	Fiesta Classic	J28	at Marshall
D5	Mars Hill	J30	at VMI
D7	at N Carolina St	F2	E Tennessee St
D10	Methodist	F4	VMI
D16-17	Volunteer Classic	F6	Davidson
J9	at E Tennessee St	F9	at Tenn-Chattanooga
J12	Lynchburg	F18	at Appalachian St
J14	at Campbell	F20	Furman
J16	The Citadel	F23	Marshall
J18	Appalachian St	F25	at The Citadel
J21	at Furman	F27	at Davidson
J24	Tenn-Chattanooga		

WESTERN KENTUCKY			
N26	Rollins	J19	Jacksonville
N28	Louisiana Tech	J21	Va. Commonwealth
D3	at Cincinnati	J23	at E Kentucky
D5	Kentucky St	J25	Dayton
D9-10	Wendy's Classic	J28	at S Florida
D19	at Old Dominion	J31	at Morehead St
D21	at Georgetown	F4	S Alabama
D30	M Tennessee	F9	Old Dominion
J2	at Evansville	F11	at Va. Commonwealth
J7	at Alabama-Birm.	F16	at S Alabama
J11	at Jacksonville	F18	N Carolina-Charlotte
J14	at N Carolina-Charlotte	F22	at Louisville
J16	S Florida	F25	Alabama-Birm.

WESTERN MICHIGAN			
N22	Windsor	J21	at E Michigan
D25-26	Cutlass Classic	J25	Toledo
D1	Lewis	J28	at N Illinois
D6	at DePaul	F1	Kent St
D9	at Morehead St	F4	at Miami
D17	Tri-State	F8	at Ohio U
D19	Morehead St	F11	C Michigan
D22	Northwood Institute	F15	at Bowling Green
D31	at Stanford	F18	E Michigan
J4	at Ball St	F22	at Toledo
J7	Miami	F25	N Illinois
J11	Ohio U	F29	at Kent St
J14	at C Michigan	M3	Ball St
J18	Bowling Green		

WICHITA STATE			
N19	Czechoslovakian Team	J26	Illinois St
N26	Lamar	J28	Creighton
N29	at Colorado St	J30	SW Louisiana
D2-3	McDonald's Classic	F2	Tulsa
D8	at Pepperdine	F5	at Kansas
D10	at Oregon	F6	at W Texas St
D20	New Orleans	F11	Bradley
D22	Temple	F16	Indiana St
J5	at Bradley	F18	at Tulsa
J12	at Illinois St	F20	at SW Louisiana
J12	Drake	F25	W Texas St
J14	S Illinois	F28	at Drake
J19	at Indiana St	M1	at Creighton
J21	at S Illinois		

WILLIAM & MARY			
N25	N C-Wesleyan	J25	George Mason
N30	Duke	J28	at Richmond
D3	at Old Dominion	J30	Delaware
D6	at VCU	F1	Va. Wesleyan
D8	at Virginia	F4	James Madison
D30	Towson St	F6	Lafayette
J4	at UNC-Wilmington	F9	UNC-Wilmington
J7	at Maryland	F11	at E Carolina
J11	at Wake Forest	F18	Navy
J14	E Carolina	F22	Old Dominion
J18	VMI	F25	at George Mason
J21	at Navy	F29	at James Madison
J23	at Drexel	M3	Richmond

WISCONSIN			
N9	Yugoslavian Team	J21	at Iowa
N26	Florida A&M	J25	at Minnesota
D1	at N Iowa	F2	Ohio St
D3	S Illinois	F4	Indiana
D5	Nebraska	F9	at Indiana
D7	N Illinois	F11	at Ohio St
D10	at Kansas St	F15	Minnesota
D20	at Toledo	F16	at Marquette
D29-30	Merrill Lynch Classic	F23	Iowa
J5	at Purdue	F26	Northwestern
J7	at Illinois	M1	at Michigan
J12	Michigan St	M3	at Michigan St
J14	Michigan	M6	Purdue
J19	at Northwestern	M11	Illinois

WYOMING			
N15	Czechoslovakia	J23	New Mexico
N26	Denver	J26	at Brigham Young
D1	Nevada-Las Vegas	J28	at Utah
D3	Wisconsin-Green Bay	F2	Hawaii
D8	at Boise St	F6	San Diego St
D10	at Portland	F9	Colorado St
D16-17	Kentucky Tourney	F13	at Air Force
D20	Nebraska	F16	at New Mexico
D28-29	Cowboy Shootout	F18	at Texas-El Paso
J5	at Colorado	F23	Utah
J7	Ft. Lewis	F25	Brigham Young
J14	at Colorado St	F29	at Hawaii
J16	Air Force	M2	at San Diego St
J21	Texas-El Paso		

XAVIER			
N28	Kenyon	J23	at Oklahoma City
N30	at Tennessee	J26	Cincinnati
D3	St. Joseph's	J28	at Butler
D6	at E Kentucky	F2	at Cleveland St
D10	at Miami (OH)	F4	Detroit
D20-21	S Florida Tourney	F6	Loyola
D29	at Georgia	F11	at St. Louis
J3	Central St	F13	at Evansville
J7	at Detroit	F18	Oral Roberts
J9	at Loyola (IL)	F20	Oklahoma City
J14	St. Louis	F22	Marquette
J16	Evansville	F25	Butler
J21	at Oral Roberts	F29	Dayton

YALE			
N26	at Navy	J28	at New Hampshire
N29	at Clark	F3	Princeton
D3	at Connecticut	F4	Pennsylvania
D10	Fordham	F10	at Dartmouth
D13	Army	F11	at Harvard
D29-30	Merrill Lynch Classic	F13	Fairfield
J4	Holy Cross	F17	at Cornell
J9	Vermont	F18	at Columbia
J16	Brown	F24	Harvard
J20	Columbia	F25	Dartmouth
J21	Cornell	M2	at Pennsylvania
J25	at Brown	M3	at Princeton

Adrian Branch
Maryland



NCAA DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

SCORING

	CL	G	FG	FT	Pts	Avg.
1. Harry Kelly, Texas Southern	SR	29	333	169	835	28.8
2. Jeff Malone, Mississippi St.	SR	29	323	131	777	26.8
3. Carlos Yates, George Mason	SO	27	257	209	723	26.8
4. Charlie Bradley, South Florida	SO	32	333	189	855	26.7
5. Joe Jakubick, Akron	JR	29	296	182	774	26.7
6. Greg Goorjian, Loyola (Cal.)	SR	23	245	111	601	26.1
7. Alfredrick Hughes, Loyola (Ill.)	SO	29	318	108	744	25.7
8. Wayman Tisdale, Oklahoma	FR	33	338	134	810	24.5
9. Kenneth Lyons, N. Texas St.	SR	30	282	164	728	24.3
10. Willie Jackson, Centenary	JR	29	271	155	697	24.0
11. Melvin McLaughlin, Central Michigan	SR	27	269	110	648	24.0
12. Lewis Jackson, Alabama State	JR	28	265	139	669	23.9
13. Butch Graves, Yale	JR	26	223	160	606	23.3
14. Dane Suttle, Pepperdine	SR	29	266	142	674	23.2
15. Steve Burt, Iona	JR	31	294	132	720	23.2
16. Nigel Lloyd, U.S. International	SR	28	234	178	646	23.1
17. Roosevelt Chapman, Dayton	JR	27	231	159	621	23.0
18. Terence Stansbury, Temple	JR	29	248	168	664	22.9
19. Devin Durrant, Brigham Young	JR	29	231	200	662	22.8
20. Ken Green, Nevada-Reno	SR	29	275	111	661	22.8
21. Mitchell Wiggins, Florida State	SR	24	216	112	544	22.7
22. Marcus Gailther, FDU-Teaneck	JR	29	259	139	657	22.7
23. Dale Ellis, Tennessee	SR	32	279	166	724	22.6
24. Antoine Carr, Wichita State	SR	22	195	104	494	22.5
25. Horace Owens, Rhode Island	SR	28	264	96	624	22.3
26. Sidney Green, Nevada-Las Vegas	SR	31	269	142	680	21.9
27. Clyde Vaughan, Pittsburgh	JR	28	228	157	613	21.9
28. Bryon Scott, Arizona State	JR	33	283	147	713	21.6
29. Henry Ellis, Mississippi Val.	SR	28	273	53	599	21.4
30. Joe Dykstra, Western Ill.	SR	31	248	156	652	21.0
31. Greg Jones, West Virginia	SR	31	232	187	651	21.0
32. Karl Malone, Louisiana Tech	FR	28	217	152	586	20.9
33. Robin Dixon, New Hampshire	SR	27	222	118	562	20.8
34. Ray McCallum, Ball State	SR	29	247	106	600	20.7
35. Randy Breuer, Minnesota	SR	29	225	143	593	20.4
36. York Gross, Cal-Santa Barb.	SR	27	206	140	552	20.4
37. Steve Smith, Marist	SR	29	252	88	592	20.4
38. Tony Gattis, Mercer	SR	27	229	93	551	20.4
39. Carlos Clark, Mississippi	SR	31	235	162	632	20.4
40. Craig Beard, Samford	SO	28	240	84	564	20.1
41. Orlando Phillips, Pepperdine	SR	29	223	134	580	20.0
42. Forrest McKenzie Loyola (Chi.)	SO	27	229	81	539	20.0
43. Joe Binion, N. Carolina A&T	JR	30	229	139	597	19.9
44. Ray Hall, Canisius	SO	28	208	141	557	19.9
45. Frank Burnell, Stetson	SR	28	210	136	556	19.9
46. Pete Thibaux, St. Mary's (Cal.)	SR	25	192	112	496	19.8
47. Keith Jones, Stanford	JR	28	193	167	553	19.8
48. Terry Catledge, South Alabama	SO	28	216	119	551	19.7
49. Paul Williams, Arizona State	SR	33	264	121	649	19.7
50. John Garris, Boston College	SR	32	232	165	629	19.7
51. Marvin Haynes, S. Carolina St.	JR	27	223	84	530	19.6
52. Michael Cage, San Diego St.	JR	28	191	165	547	19.5
53. Mark Haisel, Northeastern	JR	28	208	130	546	19.5
54. Glen Green, Murray State	SR	29	226	113	565	19.5
55. Joe Dumars, McNeese State	SO	29	212	140	564	19.4
56. Ernest Patterson, N. Mexico St.	SR	29	223	117	563	19.4
57. Pete Deibischop, Fairfield	SR	28	203	137	543	19.4
58. Jarvis Smith, Beth-Cookman	SR	25	193	98	484	19.4
59. Chris McNealy, San Jose State	SR	28	217	105	539	19.3
60. Jeff Cross, Maine	JR	26	181	136	498	19.2
61. Michael Jordan, North Carolina	SO	36	282	123	687	19.1
62. Chris Mullin, St. John's (N.Y.)	SO	36	228	173	629	19.1
63. Ralph Sampson, Virginia	SR	33	250	126	626	19.0
64. Tony Campbell, Ohio State	JR	30	227	115	569	19.0

REBOUNDS

	CL	G	NO.	AVG.
1. Xavier McDaniel, Wichita State	SO	28	403	14.4
2. Franklin Giles, S. Carolina St.	JR	28	360	12.9
3. Michael Cage, San Diego St.	JR	28	354	12.6
4. Mark Haisel, Northeastern	JR	28	350	12.5
5. Jeff Cross, Maine	JR	26	310	11.9
6. Sidney Green, Nevada-Las Vegas	SR	31	368	11.9
7. Harry Kelly, Texas Southern	SR	29	340	11.7

8. Ralph Sampson, Virginia	SR	33	386	11.7
9. Akeem Abdul Olajuwon, Houston	SO	34	388	11.4
10. Sam Mosley, Nevada-Reno	SR	29	325	11.2
11. Greg Foster, FDU-Teaneck	JR	29	324	11.2
12. Joe Binion, N. Carolina A&T	JR	30	333	11.1
13. Keith Lee, Memphis State	SO	31	336	10.8
14. Mark West, Old Dominion	SR	29	314	10.8
15. Nate Barnes, Wis.-Green Bay	SR	22	234	10.6
16. Stark Langs, Brown	SO	26	273	10.5
17. York Gross, Cal-Santa Barbara	SR	27	280	10.4
18. Wayman Tisdale, Oklahoma	FR	33	341	10.3
19. Karl Malone, Louisiana Tech	FR	28	289	10.3
20. Winfred King, East Tennessee	SR	25	257	10.3
21. Mike Brown, Geo. Washington	SO	29	298	10.3
22. Vernon Butler, Navy	FR	29	296	10.2
23. Ricky Hood, Murray State	SR	29	295	10.2
24. Patrick Ewing, Georgetown	SO	32	325	10.2
25. Dwight Jones, Cincinnati	SR	28	284	10.1

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	CL	G	FT	FTA	PCT.
(MIN. 5 FG MADE PER GAME)					
1. Troy Lee, East Tennessee	SR	29	197	292	67.5
2. Orlando Phillips, Pepperdine	SR	29	223	338	66.0
3. Eugene McDowell, Florida	SO	31	203	314	64.6
4. Charles Barkley, Auburn	SO	28	161	250	64.4
5. Tommy Best, St. Peter's	JR	27	138	215	64.2
6. Otis Thorpe, Providence	JR	31	204	321	63.6
7. Cedric Robinson, Nicholls St.	FR	24	146	231	63.2
8. Napoleon Johnson, Grambling	JR	27	205	325	63.1
9. Pete Deibischop, Fairfield	SR	28	203	324	62.7
10. Sam Mosley, Nevada-Reno	SR	29	184	297	62.0
11. Melvin Turpin, Kentucky	JR	31	192	311	61.7
12. Chris Logan, Holy Cross	SR	30	169	276	61.2
13. Akeem Abdul Olajuwon, Houston	SO	34	192	314	61.1
14. Jimmy Foster, South Carolina	JR	31	203	332	61.1
15. Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	SO	32	190	311	61.1
16. Pete Thibaux, St. Mary's (Cal.)	SR	25	192	315	61.0
17. Mark Petteway, New Orleans	SR	26	184	303	60.7
18. Ralph Sampson, Virginia	SR	33	250	414	60.4
19. Dale Wells, Tennessee	SR	32	279	464	60.1
20. Brinton Huggins, Manhattan	SR	28	147	245	60.0
21. Russell Davis, Long Island	SR	29	193	322	59.9
22. Lewis Jackson, Alabama State	JR	28	265	443	59.8
23. Ivan Daniels, Ill-Chicago	SO	28	183	306	59.8
24. Russell Cross, Purdue	JR	29	194	325	59.7
25. Kevin Willis, Michigan State	JR	27	162	272	59.6
26. Dion Brown, Southwestern LA	JR	29	178	299	59.5
27. Bobby Parks, Memphis State	JR	31	177	298	59.4
28. Xavier McDaniel, Wichita State	SO	28	223	376	59.3
29. Peter Cole, Vermont	SR	29	148	250	59.2
30. Stephen Kite, Tennessee Tech	FR	28	159	269	59.1

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	CL	G	FT	FTA	PCT.
(MIN. 2.5 FT MADE PER GAME)					
1. Rob Gonzalez, Colorado	SR	28	75	82	91.5
2. Charles Fisher, James Madison	SR	31	95	104	91.3
3. Mike Waitkus, Brown	FR	26	97	108	89.8
4. Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	SO	33	113	126	89.7
5. William Hobby, Grambling	SR	27	78	87	89.7
6. Joe Dykstra, Western Illinois	SR	31	156	176	88.6
7. Billy Allen, Nevada-Reno	SR	29	117	132	88.6
8. Chris Mullin, St. John's (N.Y.)	SO	33	173	197	87.8
9. Mark Price, Georgia Tech	FR	28	93	106	87.7
10. York Gross, Cal-Santa Barbara	SR	27	140	160	87.5
11. Brinton Huggins, Manhattan	SR	28	118	135	87.4
12. Tony Traver, William & Mary	SO	29	111	127	87.4
13. Steve Harris, Tulsa	SO	31	104	119	87.4
14. Randy Cozzens, Army	SO	29	128	147	87.1
15. Jon Sundvold, Missouri	SR	34	131	151	86.8
16. Jimmy Elliott, Tennessee Tech	SO	28	93	108	86.1
17. Ted Kitchel, Indiana	SR	24	104	121	86.0
18. Keith Cieplicki, William & Mary	SO	29	131	153	85.6
19. Bubba Jennings, Texas Tech	SO	26	88	103	85.4
20. Ken Green, Nevada-Reno	SR	29	111	130	85.4

NCAA DIVISION I TEAM LEADERS

OFFENSE

	Games	(W-L)	Pts.	Avg.
1. Boston College	32	(25-7)	2697	84.3
2. Syracuse	31	(21-10)	2612	84.3
3. S. Carolina St.	28	(13-15)	2353	84.0
4. Alabama State	28	(22-6)	2352	84.0
5. Houston	34	(31-3)	2800	82.4
6. Oklahoma	33	(24-9)	2717	82.3
7. Wichita State	28	(25-3)	2304	82.3
8. Virginia	34	(29-5)	2785	81.9
9. Alcorn State	32	(22-10)	2621	81.9
10. Indiana State	28	(9-19)	2288	81.7
11. Long Island	29	(20-9)	2369	81.7
12. Texas Southern	29	(22-7)	2349	81.0
13. Pepperdine	29	(20-9)	2337	80.6
14. UCLA	29	(23-6)	2327	80.2
15. New Mexico State	29	(18-11)	2322	80.1

DEFENSE

	Games	(W-L)	Pts.	Avg.
1. Princeton	29	(20-9)	1507	52.0
2. Fresno State	35	(25-10)	1880	53.7
3. James Madison	31	(20-11)	1670	53.9
4. Notre Dame	29	(19-10)	1619	55.8
5. Arkansas State	29	(17-12)	1651	56.9
6. Wyoming	29	(16-13)	1657	57.1
7. St. Peter's	27	(22-5)	1557	57.7
8. Texas-El Paso	29	(19-10)	1673	57.7
9. Montana	29	(21-8)	1679	57.9
10. William & Mary	29	(20-9)	1680	57.9
11. Houston Baptist	29	(20-9)	1682	58.0
12. Kansas State	28	(12-16)	1635	58.4
13. Idaho	29	(20-9)	1700	58.6
14. Colorado State	28	(11-17)	1645	58.8
15. Northwestern	30	(17-13)	1765	58.8

WON-LOST PERCENTAGE

	W-L	Pct.
1. Houston	(31-3)	.912
2. Nevada-Las Vegas	(28-3)	.903
3. Wichita State	(25-3)	.893
4. Louisville	(32-4)	.889
5. Arkansas	(26-4)	.867
6. Tenn.-Chatt.	(26-4)	.867
7. Virginia	(29-5)	.853
8. St. John's (N.Y.)	(28-5)	.848
9. St. Peter's	(22-5)	.815
10. Indiana	(24-6)	.800
11. Arkansas-Little Rock	(23-6)	.793
11. UCLA	(23-6)	.793
13. Alabama State	(22-6)	.786
14. Boston College	(25-7)	.781
15. North Carolina	(28-8)	.778
16. Illinois State	(24-7)	.774
16. Oklahoma State	(24-7)	.774
16. Va. Commonwealth	(24-7)	.774
19. New Orleans	(23-7)	.767
19. Washington State	(23-7)	.767

REBOUND MARGIN

	OFF.	DEF.	MAR.
1. Wichita State	42.4	33.6	8.8
2. Virginia	40.6	32.3	8.4
3. Houston	41.6	33.4	8.1
4. Wyoming	34.7	27.1	7.6
5. Alcorn State	39.8	32.9	6.9
6. Appalachian State	34.2	27.3	6.9
7. Ohio	36.3	29.8	6.4
8. Northeastern	38.5	32.1	6.3
9. N. Carolina A&T	36.1	29.9	6.1
10. Notre Dame	30.7	24.6	6.1
11. Missouri	33.9	27.9	6.0
12. Arkansas	33.3	27.3	5.9
13. Michigan	38.0	32.2	5.9
14. James Madison	30.8	25.2	5.6
15. West Virginia	40.0	34.4	5.6
16. Austin Peay	38.3	33.1	5.3
17. Eastern Illinois	37.0	31.8	5.2

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

	FG	FGA	PCT.
1. Wyoming	599	1441	41.6
2. Virginia	863	2071	41.7
3. Idaho	661	1582	41.8
4. Montana	663	1574	42.1
5. Memphis State	831	1965	42.3
6. Youngstown State	707	1645	43.0
7. Rutgers	776	1801	43.1
8. Utah State	814	1882	43.3
9. Ohio	735	1696	43.3
10. Houston	883	2037	43.3
11. Kentucky	776	1788	43.4
12. Georgetown	759	1748	43.4
13. Baylor	700	1612	43.4
14. South Florida	844	1939	43.5
15. Princeton	592	1359	43.6
16. Indiana	732	1679	43.6

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT.
1. Kentucky	869	1564	55.6
2. Stanford	752	1373	54.8
3. New Orleans	937	1714	54.7
4. Pepperdine	900	1653	54.4
5. Houston Baptist	712	1319	54.0
6. Notre Dame	770	1427	54.0
7. Missouri	938	1751	53.6
8. Lehigh	597	1121	53.3
9. Houston	1186	2232	53.1
10. Oklahoma State	931	1753	53.1
11. St. Peter's	693	1305	53.1
12. Arkansas State	652	1228	53.1
13. East Tennessee	885	1669	53.0
14. UCLA	956	1804	53.0
15. Syracuse	1019	1926	52.9
16. St. John's (N.Y.)	917	1734	52.9
17. Wichita State	932	1769	52.7

SCORING MARGIN

	(W-L)	Off.	Def.	Mar.
1. Houston	(31-3)	82.4	64.9	17.4
2. Virginia	(29-5)	81.9	65.0	16.9
3. Oklahoma	(24-9)	82.3	70.7	11.6
4. North Carolina	(28-8)	77.0	65.7	11.3
5. St. John's (N.Y.)	(28-5)	75.2	63.9	11.3
6. Wichita State	(25-3)	82.3	71.0	11.3
7. Arkansas	(26-4)	72.4	61.2	11.2
8. Memphis State	(23-8)	75.7	64.8	10.9
9. Boston College	(25-7)	84.3	73.6	10.7
10. St. Peter's	(22-5)	68.3	57.7	10.6
11. Indiana	(24-6)	70.5	59.9	10.6
12. Fullerton State	(21-8)	74.5	64.0	10.5
13. Tenn.-Chatt.	(26-4)	70.6	60.5	10.1
14. Louisville	(32-4)	73.7	63.6	10.1
15. Lamar	(23-8)	68.6	58.8	9.8
15. Nevada-Las Vegas	(28-3)	77.2	67.4	9.8
17. Notre Dame	(19-10)	65.6	55.8	9.8
18. Georgia	(24-10)	74.3	64.5	9.7
19. Syracuse	(21-10)	84.3	74.5	9.7

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	FT	FTA	PCT.
1. Western Illinois	526	679	77.5
2. Dayton	453	586	77.3
3. Cal-Santa Barbara	413	535	77.2
4. William & Mary	470	609	77.2
5. St. John's	649	843	77.0
6. Boston University	599	784	76.4
7. Army	454	597	76.0
8. Ohio State	506	667	75.9
9. Mississippi	530	710	74.6
10. Indiana	494	662	74.6
11. N.C. Charlotte	420	563	74.6
12. Weber State	563	755	74.6
13. MC.-East Shore	475	637	74.6

POINTWISE'S

FANTASTIC PHONE STREAK:

CHECK THESE SUPERIOR PLAYS (4**) RELEASED BY OUR HOOP PHONE SERVICE LAST YEAR, FROM SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 8 THRU SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.**

DATE:	CHOICE:	SCORE:	RESULT:
January 8:	VIRGINIA (— 9½) over Maryland	83-64	WINNER
January 12:	NOTRE DAME (— 17½) over Canisius	78-47	WINNER
	LOUISVILLE (— 7½) over Duke	91-76	WINNER
January 15:	XAVIER-OHIO (— 4) over Evansville	85-65	WINNER
	BALL STATE (— 13½) over Western Michigan	91-68	WINNER
	RUTGERS (— 13½) over Massachusetts	79-67	Loser
	BRIGHAM YOUNG (— 10½) over Hawaii	86-62	WINNER
January 19:	VIRGINIA (— 9½) over Virginia Tech	74-64	WINNER
January 22:	KENT STATE (— 5½) over Eastern Michigan	84-72	WINNER
	FLORIDA STATE (— 6) over Cincinnati	86-78	WINNER
	NORTHERN ILLINOIS (— 2) over Toledo	83-76	WINNER
	XAVIER-OHIO (Even) over Detroit	70-56	WINNER
January 26:	HOUSTON (— 15) over Rice	76-40	WINNER
	BOSTON CELTICS (— 12) over Washington	125-99	WINNER
January 29:	PENN STATE (— 13½) over Massachusetts	59-57	Loser
	BUTLER (+ 3) over Detroit	64-63	WINNER
	LOYOLA-CHICAGO (— 11) over Evansville	84-73	Tie
	OKLAHOMA (— 14) over Colorado	97-79	WINNER
February 2:	KANSAS (— 6) over Iowa State	75-69	Tie
	LOUISVILLE (— 7) over Cincinnati	79-73	Loser
February 5:	WICHITA STATE (— 19) over West Texas State	85-63	WINNER
	TULSA (— 4) over Indiana State	86-100	Loser
	NEBRASKA (— 7) over Kansas	68-61	Tie
	MASSACHUSETTS (+ 4½) over Rutgers	60-62	WINNER
	OKLAHOMA (— 17½) over Iowa State	102-74	WINNER
February 9:	DEPAUL (— 9) over Evansville	83-82	Loser
	BALL STATE (— 8) over Eastern Michigan	72-58	WINNER
February 12:	OREGON STATE (— 1) over UCLA	69-65	WINNER
	IOWA STATE (— 4) over Kansas State	59-40	WINNER
	LOUISVILLE (— 3½) over Marquette	81-73	WINNER
	PENN STATE (— 13) over Rhode Island	96-84	Loser
	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (— 1) over Kent State	74-66	WINNER

FINAL TALLY:

23 WINNERS, 6 LOSERS, 3 TIES FOR 79%!!



POINTWISE!

**THE ONLY CHOICE FOR BASKETBALL WINNERS!!
WANT SOME EXAMPLES? TRY THESE:**

77% (82-25)

OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS WE HAVE RACKED UP 82 WINNING WEEKS AND ONLY 25 LOSING WEEKS ON OUR COLLEGE BEST BET SELECTIONS. YEAR AFTER YEAR: CONSTANT SUCCESS!

67% (51-25-4)

LAST YEAR THE RED SHEET COMPILED A FANTASTIC SATURDAY & SUNDAY RECORD OF 51-25-4, INCLUDING A 7-ISSUE STRETCH OF 28-9-1 FOR 76%. ANOTHER CONSISTENT WINNER!!

61% (177-112-11)

OVER THE PAST 6 SEASONS KEY RELEASES RATED "2" OR HIGHER HAVE HIT 177 WINNERS AGAINST ONLY 112 LOSERS! NOT A BAD RECORD FOR THOSE HIGH WEEKLY SELECTIONS!

60% (347-230)

OVER THE PAST FIVE SEASONS, WE LED THE NATION WITH A RECORD OF 347-230 ON OUR KEY RELEASES FOR A 60% AVERAGE. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF YEARLY SUCCESS.

74% (55-19-4)

OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS WE HAVE CHECKED IN WITH 55 WINNING WEEKS, 19 LOSING WEEKS, & 4 BREAK EVEN WEEKS ON OUR KEY RELEASES. CONSISTENCY!

79% (23-6-1)

OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE RACKED UP SOME TRULY REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS, ONE OF WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR ON OUR PHONE SERVICE. OUR SUPERIOR PLAYS (4****) ENJOYED A MONTH-LONG SKEIN (JAN 8-FEB 12) OF 23 WINNERS AGAINST ONLY 6 LOSERS! INCREDIBLE, BUT TRUE!

67% (376-187-117)

CONSISTENCY IS OUR BOTTOM LINE. OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS, WE HAVE A PROVEN RECORD OF 376 WINNING DAYS, 187 LOSING DAYS, AND 117 BREAK EVEN DAYS ON OUR COLLEGE BEST BET CHOICES VS THE SPREAD. CONSISTENCY!

SATURDAYS: 26-3-1

WE EXCEL ON THE IMPORTANT WEEKEND ACTION! OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS, OUR SATURDAY PHONE RELEASES HAVE POSTED AN INCREDIBLE 26 WINNING CALLS AGAINST ONLY 3 LOSING CALLS. THIS WEEKEND TOTAL STANDS AT 34-8-1 WHEN WE INCLUDE OUR DECEMBER PHONES!!

NBA: 73%-81%

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NBA PREVIEW

Go ahead, step into the fast lane of pro basketball, but remember this! Make sure you get out of the way when the Moses Malone-Julius Erving-led Philadelphia 76er express comes roaring through, doubtless on its way again in 1983-84 to the NBA title. How can you **not** like the Sixers?!!?

The 76ers are not so much a team as a repository for some of the game's finest talent: Moses, Doctor J, guards Andrew Toney, Maurice Cheeks and super-sub Bobby Jones. And that's without even getting too deep into their roster!

Second to Philly in the Atlantic Division again should be the Boston Celtics under new skipper and former star Celt player K.C. Jones. Slugging it out for the 3-4-5 spots in the Atlantic will be New Jersey, the NY Knicks and Washington, teams with talent and much in common—but no match for the Sixer/Celtic roadblock at the top of the division.

Nor does anyone figure to break the Central Division stranglehold of the Milwaukee Bucks, who again this season

should hold off the challenges of both the balanced Atlanta Hawks and the up-and-coming young Detroit Pistons. After those three, there's a marked drop in the Central to **GAMEPLAN** projected 3-4-5 finishers Chicago, Cleveland and Indiana, all of whom have one thing uppermost in common—problems.

Out in the Western Conference, the offensively powerful and defensively improving San Antonio Spurs have by far the best act in the Midwest Division. Only a major outbreak of injuries could short-circuit the Spurs, and this could well be the year San Antonio breaks the LA Lakers recent dominance of the Western Conference's overall crown. To the rear of San Antonio in the Midwest, in declining order of predicted finish, will come Denver, Kansas City, Dallas, Houston and Utah. The big news among those five is, of course, Houston's acquisition of wondrous Ralph Sampson, but not even the "Stick" nor anyone or anything else figures to stand in the way of another San Antonio run to the Midwest title.

The LA Lakers, provided they come to contract terms with free agent Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, should put a lock on another Pacific Division crown. All signals are off, though, should Kareem wind up elsewhere in 1983-84, which is possible since several NBA clubs have reportedly been wooing the Big Guy.

In what shapes up as another humdinger of a battle for the 2-3-4 spots in the Pacific, **GAMEPLAN** likes in order the Seattle Sonics, Phoenix and Portland—but we admit, anything might happen since those three clubs are so closely matched. The Golden State Warriors, regrouping after an off-season, will hang onto the Pacific's fifth rung while to the rear again, find the San Diego Clippers, who if they can get a full year out of Bill Walton could surprise. But that's become one of those very large ifs where the Big Redhead is concerned.

In capsule form, here's our 1983-84 NBA predictions, all-star and all-rookie selections:

ATLANTIC — Philadelphia, Boston, New Jersey, New York, Washington.

CENTRAL — Milwaukee, Atlanta, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Indiana.

EASTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPION — Philadelphia 76ers.

MIDWEST — San Antonio, Denver, Kansas City, Dallas, Houston, Utah.

PACIFIC — Los Angeles, Seattle, Phoenix, Portland, Golden State, San Diego.

WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPION — San Antonio Spurs.

NBA CHAMPION — Philadelphia 76ers.

EASTERN CONFERENCE ALL-STARS

First Team

C—Moses Malone, Phil.
F—Larry Bird, Boston
F—Buck Williams, N.J.
G—Sidney Moncrief, Milw.
G—Andrew Toney, Phil.

Second Team

C—Robert Parish, Boston
F—Julius Erving, Philadelphia
F—Albert King, New York
G—Maurice Cheeks, Phil.
G—Isiah Thomas, Detroit

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM: C—Steve Stipanovich, Indiana; F—Sidney Green, Chicago; F—Antoine Carr, Detroit; G—Jeff Malone, Washington; G—Enis Whatley, Chicago

WESTERN CONFERENCE ALL-STARS

First Team

C—K. Abdul-Jabbar, L.A.
F—Alex English, Denver
F—Mark Aguirre, Dallas
G—Magic Johnson, L.A.
G—George Gervin, S.A.

Second Team

C—Jack Sikma, Seattle
F—Kiki Vandeweghe, Denver
F—Terry Cummings, S.D.
G—Gus Williams, Seattle
G—Jim Paxson, Portland

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM: C—Ralph Sampson, Houston; F—Rodney McCray, Houston; F—Larry Micheaux, Kansas City; G—Byron Scott, Phoenix; G—John Paxson, San Antonio.



Philadelphia's main muscle man -- Moses Malone -- with the help of Dr. J, Andrew Toney, Maurice Cheeks and Co., will lead the 76ers to their second straight NBA Championship.

NBA Schedule

Friday October 28

Atlanta at New Jersey
Washington at Philadelphia
New York at Cleveland
Boston at Detroit
Indiana at Milwaukee
Los Angeles at Kansas City
Utah at Denver
San Diego at Portland
Golden State at Seattle

Saturday October 29

Washington at New York
Detroit at Atlanta
Boston at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Indiana
New Jersey at Chicago
Phoenix at Dallas
San Antonio at Houston
Los Angeles at Utah
Denver at San Diego
Portland at Golden State

Sunday October 30

Dallas at San Antonio
Seattle at Kansas City

Tuesday November 1

Cleveland at New Jersey
Chicago at Philadelphia
Washington at Atlanta
Milwaukee at Detroit
Houston at Indiana
Portland at San Antonio
Golden State at Kansas City
Dallas at Denver
Seattle at Phoenix

Wednesday November 2

Milwaukee at Boston
Houston at Cleveland
Portland at Dallas
Los Angeles at San Diego
New York at Seattle

Thursday November 3

Chicago at New Jersey
Detroit at Washington
Denver at Kansas City
Golden State at Utah
San Antonio at Phoenix

Friday November 4

Indiana at Boston
Milwaukee at Philadelphia
Chicago at Atlanta
Dallas at Cleveland
Houston at Detroit
Seattle at San Diego
New York at Portland
Saturday November 5
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Boston at Washington
Cleveland at Indiana
Los Angeles at Dallas
Houston at Kansas City
San Diego at Denver
San Antonio at Utah
New York at Golden State

Sunday November 6

Atlanta at Milwaukee
Seattle at San Antonio
Phoenix at Portland

Tuesday November 8

Milwaukee at New York
San Diego at Washington
Boston at Indiana
Kansas City at Chicago
Portland at Houston
Los Angeles at Denver
Atlanta at Golden State
Phoenix at Seattle

Wednesday November 9

San Diego at Boston
Washington at New Jersey
Philadelphia at Detroit
Kansas City at Milwaukee
Utah at San Antonio
Dallas at Los Angeles
Cleveland at Seattle

Thursday November 10

New York at Indiana
Utah at Houston
Phoenix at Golden State

Friday November 11

Detroit at Boston
Milwaukee at New Jersey
San Diego at New York
Kansas City at Philadelphia
Chicago at Washington
San Antonio at Dallas
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Atlanta at Seattle

Saturday November 12

Kansas City at Detroit
New Jersey at Indiana

Boston at Chicago
Dallas at Houston
Denver at San Antonio
Portland at Utah
Cleveland at Golden State

Sunday November 13

San Diego at Philadelphia
Seattle at Milwaukee
Golden State at Phoenix
Utah at Los Angeles
Atlanta at Portland

Tuesday November 15

Indiana at New York
Kansas City at Washington
San Diego at Atlanta
Detroit at Chicago
New Jersey at Houston
Boston at Denver
Milwaukee at Los Angeles
San Antonio at Golden State
Utah at Portland

Wednesday November 16

New York at Philadelphia
Seattle at Detroit
Boston at Utah

Thursday November 17

Cleveland at Phoenix
Indiana at Washington
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Seattle at Chicago
New Jersey at Dallas
Kansas City at San Antonio
Milwaukee at San Diego
Cleveland at Los Angeles
Denver at Golden State

Friday November 18

New York at Boston
Utah at Detroit
Houston at Denver

Saturday November 19

Milwaukee at Phoenix
Detroit at New York
Boston at Philadelphia
Utah at Washington
Seattle at Atlanta
Indiana at Chicago
Phoenix at Dallas

Golden State at Houston
New Jersey at San Antonio
Milwaukee at Denver
Cleveland at San Diego
Los Angeles at Portland

Tuesday November 22

Boston at New York
Detroit at Philadelphia
Golden State at Washington
Indiana at Atlanta
San Antonio at Dallas
Phoenix at Houston
San Diego at Kansas City
Utah at Los Angeles
Denver at Portland

Wednesday November 23

Washington at Cleveland
Detroit at Indiana
Golden State at Milwaukee
Philadelphia at San Antonio
San Diego at Denver
Chicago vs. Utah
(In Las Vegas)

Friday November 25

New Jersey at Phoenix
Los Angeles at Seattle
Atlanta at Boston
Washington at Detroit
Golden State at Indiana
Kansas City at Dallas
Philadelphia at Houston
San Diego at San Antonio
Denver at Utah
Chicago at Phoenix
New Jersey at Los Angeles
Portland at Seattle

Saturday November 26

Cleveland at New York
Houston at Atlanta
Washington at Milwaukee
Golden State at Dallas
Utah at Kansas City

Phoenix at Denver

New Jersey at San Diego

Seattle at Portland

Sunday November 27

Detroit at Boston
San Antonio at Cleveland
New York at Indiana
Chicago at Los Angeles
Monday November 28
Portland at Kansas City

Tuesday November 29

San Antonio at New York
Milwaukee at Washington
Denver at Atlanta
Cleveland at Detroit
Philadelphia at Indiana
Chicago at Houston
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(In Las Vegas)

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San Diego at Seattle

Wednesday November 30

San Antonio at Boston
New York at New Jersey
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Portland at Cleveland
Denver at Milwaukee
Houston at Dallas
Kansas City at Phoenix
Utah at San Diego

Thursday December 1

Washington at New York
Kansas City at Golden State

Friday December 2

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Indiana at Cleveland
Atlanta at Detroit
New Jersey at Milwaukee
Seattle at Houston
Chicago at San Antonio
Utah at Phoenix
Golden State at San Diego
Dallas at Los Angeles

Saturday December 3

Portland at New Jersey
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Philadelphia at Washington
Cleveland at Atlanta
Indiana at Detroit
Chicago at Dallas
Seattle at Denver
Kansas City at Utah

Sunday December 4

Philadelphia at Boston
Phoenix at San Antonio
San Diego at Los Angeles

Tuesday December 6

Cleveland at New Jersey
Denver at New York
Phoenix at Atlanta
Boston at Chicago
Washington at Houston
Dallas at Kansas City
Seattle at Golden State
San Antonio at Portland

Wednesday December 7

Denver at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Cleveland
Boston at Indiana
Houston at Milwaukee
Washington at Dallas
Portland at Utah
San Antonio at San Diego

Thursday December 8

New York at Phoenix
Kansas City at Los Angeles
Detroit at Golden State

Friday December 9

Denver at Boston
New Jersey at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Cleveland
Atlanta at Indiana
Houston at Chicago
San Antonio vs. Utah
(In Las Vegas)

New York at San Diego

Detroit at Portland

Dallas at Seattle

Saturday December 10

Boston at Atlanta
Cleveland at Chicago
Utah at Houston
Washington at San Antonio
Indiana at Kansas City
San Diego at Phoenix
Dallas at Golden State

Sunday December 11

Denver at New Jersey
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
Dallas at San Diego
New York at Los Angeles
Golden State at Portland
Detroit at Seattle

Tuesday December 13

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Thursday December 15

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Los Angeles at Phoenix
Kansas City at Golden State
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Indiana at Utah
Portland at Phoenix
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Indiana at Denver

Los Angeles at Golden State

Houston at Seattle

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Houston at Portland

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Albert King
New Jersey Nets

Wednesday March 7
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Friday March 30
Atlanta at Boston
Dallas at Philadelphia
New York at Washington
Cleveland at Indiana
Chicago at Milwaukee
San Antonio at Denver
Golden State at San Diego
Saturday March 31
Boston at New Jersey
New York at Atlanta
Indiana at Cleveland
Milwaukee at Detroit

Philadelphia at Chicago
Portland at Houston
Seattle at San Antonio
Utah at Kansas City
Los Angeles at Phoenix
Sunday April 1
Dallas at Washington
San Diego at Denver
Golden State at Los Angeles
Monday April 2
Chicago at New York
Houston at Utah
Tuesday April 3
Indiana at Washington
Boston at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Detroit
New York at Chicago
New Jersey at Milwaukee
Portland at Dallas
Los Angeles at San Antonio
Seattle at Denver
Kansas City at Phoenix
Houston at Golden State
Wednesday April 4
Indiana at New Jersey
Washington at Atlanta
Kansas City at San Diego
Thursday April 5
Chicago at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
Golden State at Denver
Los Angeles vs. Utah
(in Las Vegas)
Houston at Portland
Friday April 6
Cleveland at Boston
Detroit at New York
Indiana at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Chicago
San Antonio at Dallas
Seattle at Phoenix
Portland at San Diego
Kansas City at Los Angeles
Saturday April 7
New Jersey at Washington
Indiana at Atlanta
Detroit at Milwaukee
Utah at Dallas
San Diego at San Antonio
Kansas City at Golden State
Sunday April 8
Chicago at Boston
Cleveland at New Jersey
New York at Philadelphia
Phoenix at Denver
Los Angeles at Portland
Houston vs. Seattle
(in Tacoma)
Monday April 9
Cleveland at New York
Tuesday April 10
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Chicago at Washington
Indiana at Detroit
Boston at Milwaukee
Houston at San Antonio
Seattle at Kansas City
Denver vs. Utah
(in Las Vegas)
Portland at Phoenix
Dallas at San Diego
Los Angeles at Golden State
Wednesday April 11
New York at Boston
Detroit at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Cleveland
Atlanta at Indiana
New Jersey at Chicago
Denver at Houston
Portland at Los Angeles
Thursday April 12
San Antonio at Kansas City
San Diego at Utah
Dallas at Phoenix
Golden State at Seattle
Friday April 13
Atlanta at New Jersey
New York at Cleveland
Boston at Detroit
Washington at Indiana
Milwaukee at Chicago
San Antonio at Houston
Dallas at Los Angeles
Golden State at Portland
Saturday April 14
Philadelphia at New York
Cleveland at Washington
Detroit at Atlanta
Indiana at Milwaukee
Houston at Kansas City
Utah at San Diego
Sunday April 15
New Jersey at Boston
Chicago at Philadelphia
Denver at San Antonio
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Dallas at Golden State
Portland at Seattle

ROOKIE DRAFT ANALYSIS

ATLANTA HAWKS -- Just the right back court cure should be top Atlanta draftee, 6-4 guard GLENN "DOC" RIVERS (Marquette), who can shoot, pass, play nose-up defense -- you name it! Another '83 guard selection worthy of mention is Richmond's 6-4 TOM BETHEA, a fine athlete with an above average shooting touch who also has the size the Hawks were looking for on the back line. Atlanta's second overall choice, in round three, was Villanova's rugged 6-7 JOHN PINONE, a great inside player who some say may not have the speed to keep up in the hectic NBA. But if dedication is the deciding factor, the always hustling Pinone should make the pro grade. Other front line draftees with shots at sticking are 6-7½ HARRY "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, Texas Southern's two-time Division 1-A scoring champion; 6-10 CHARLES JONES (Oklahoma) and 6-9 LEX DRUM (Alabama-Birmingham). Jones, widely underrated because he played in the same Sooner front line with freshman phenom Wayman Tisdale, could be a pleasant surprise and fill Atlanta's glaring need for a backup center to Tree Rollins. If Pinone's speed is up to NBA standards and Jones comes through as expected, those two along with guard "Doc" Rivers will make this a fine Atlanta draft. (Also, in a post-draft trade, the Hawks shipped guard Rudy Macklin to the NY Knicks for forward Sly Williams).

ATLANTA DRAFT GRADE: C-Plus

BOSTON CELTICS -- There were some mystified looks when the Celts made Brigham Young's 6-11 GREG KITE their first round pick in the 1983 college draft. Kite, whose senior year stats at BYU showed averages of only 7.7 points and 8.8 rebounds, was regarded by many experts as little more than a backup NBA center/power forward and with Boston's pre-draft loss of free agent power forward Kevin McHale, a "backup" is not what the Celts needed -- they needed immediate and quality front line help. The jury remains out on Kite's potential to supply those commodities. With a pair of third round picks (Boston's own second round choice was traded), added were 6-10 WINFRED KING out of East Tennessee State, a 240-pounder built to play either power forward or center, along with Virginia's 6-8 CRAIG ROBINSON. King yanked down better than 10 rebounds per game his final collegiate year, and the Celts feel he has loads of untapped potential. Robinson was a three-year regular with the Ralph Sampson-dominated Virginia Cavs. Both, however, probably rate at best as NBA long shots. In the way of back court help, Boston's pre-draft acquisition of ex-Phoenix Sun and Seattle Sonic Dennis Johnson was a major pickup, while via the '83 college draft, selections with the best shot at cracking the guard roster are 6-4 CARLOS CLARK (Mississippi) and Providence's 6-5 RON JOHNSON. Clark, a southpaw with a smooth shooting touch, had averages of 21.1 and 20.4 ppg his final two years at Ole Miss. It's highly questionable if new Celtic skipper K.C. Jones will get a whole lot of value out of Boston's harvest in the '83 draft.

BOSTON DRAFT GRADE: C

CHICAGO BULLS -- By dint of post-season draft trades that brought on board guards MITCHELL WIGGINS (Florida State) and the Indiana Pacers' second of two first round draft picks) and Alabama's ENNIS WHATLEY (No. 1 choice of the KC Kings) to go along with their own first round selection, 6-9 Nevada-Las Vegas power forward SIDNEY GREEN, the Bulls hit one hell of a talent jackpot in '83. Whatley, who went NBA hardship after his sophomore college year, is a superb point guard who could easily unseat injury-haunted vet Ronnie Lester at their position, while Wiggins as a shooting guard and the tough Green inside should be of immediate value in the Windy City. Joining Green in the help for the front line category are seven-footer RON CREVIER (Boston College) and 6-10 TIM ANDREE (Notre Dame, one of whom will hopefully take up some of the pivot slack created by last year's trade of Artis Gilmore. Several mid-round additions with outside shots at finding roster spots in Chicago are a pair of 6-2 guards,

ERNEST PATTERSON (New Mexico State) and JACQUE HILL (Southern Cal). With Sidney Green, Whatley and Wiggins coming on board at the same time, this has to be rated the Bulls best draft harvest in years and before long, this club should be back in Central Division title contention.

CHICAGO DRAFT GRADE: A-Plus

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS -- From Big East country come two of Cleveland's top three draftees, Villanova guard STEWART GRANGER and forward JOHN GARRIS (Boston College), while from the same general area is No. 1 Cavalier pick, 6-9 power forward ROY HINSON via Rutgers. Hinson's strengths are his rebounding and shot rejecting prowess but to be a pro standout, he'll have to work on his shooting. Some believe second round pick Garriss, an aggressive inside player who can fill in at either small or big forward, could be of more immediate value to the Cavs than Hinson. Granger, also something of an in-between player who may end up at point or shooting guard, is another hard worker sure to help Cleveland's shabby back court, while a quartet of other possibilities at guard are 6-6ers PAUL THOMPSON (Tulane), LARRY ANDERSON (Nevada-Las Vegas) and 6-5 DERRICK HORD (Kentucky) -- all of whom will be converting from college forwards -- along with small, but deadly shooting MEL McLAUGHLIN (Central Michigan), who hooped in better than 20 ppg his final three collegiate seasons. In addition to Hinson and Garriss, three other front line picks with a chance at making the lackluster Cavs are 6-11 LES CRAFT (Kansas State), 6-7½ DWIGHT JONES (Cincinnati) and 6-8 CHRIS LOGAN (Holy Cross). Though the numbers are plentiful, there is still widespread sentiment that Cleveland really didn't have the kind of excellent draft they needed, and GAMEPLAN goes along with that!

CLEVELAND DRAFT GRADE: C

DALLAS MAVERICKS -- The folks down Big D way are draft-by-draft putting together an NBA powerhouse as the Mavericks come off a season that saw them finish just six games shy of .500. The Mavs enjoyed the luxury of two first round picks in '83, which in order were used for graceful 6-7 shooting forward DALE ELLIS out of Tennessee and superb 6-4 point guard DEREK HARPER, a hardship case via Illinois. Ellis, a fine shooter, is also said to be an improving defender and it will probably be the latter facet of his game that decides how quickly he makes a big impact with the Mavs. Ballhandling ace Harper, who can tread the proverbial eye of the needle with his deft passing, will probably serve at least for the time being as a backup to Maverick veteran point guard Brad Davis. In a post-draft trade, the Mavs shipped their second round pick, Kentucky guard Dirk Minniefield, to the New Jersey Nets for that team's second round picks in both the 1986 and 1987 draft. Later Maverick '83 selections with shots at making the big time are 6-10 MARK WEST (Old Dominion), 6-9 JOHNNY MARTIN (Northwestern Louisiana), 6-10 JIM LAMPLEY (Arkansas-Little Rock) and diminutive but dynamic 6-0 point guard BILLY ALLEN (Nevada-Reno). The Mavericks are heralding West, who blocks shots with the regularity of Wimpy scoffing hamburgers, as their answer to their need for an intimidating force in the middle -- which West indeed is. But offensively, West leaves much to be desired, and many view him as a role player inserted when Dallas most needs a shot rejected or a rebound grabbed. At the offensive end, West too often disappears.

DALLAS DRAFT GRADE: B

DENVER NUGGETS -- Like a hand into a glove, that's how Nugget first round draftee HOWARD CARTER, a 6-5 big guard standout out of Louisiana State, should fit in with Coach Doug Moe's team. Hi-C as Carter is nicknamed should thrive in Denver's uptempo offense but as it is with all NBA rooks, he'll

have to brush up on his defense which is one area where the Nuggets are already weak. One other '83 guard draftee with something of a shot at making it in the Mile High City is mid-round pick JIMMY BRADDOCK, the 6-1 quarterback for last year's North Carolina Tar Heels. Braddock's lack of size figures to be a handicap on defense, though. In the front line, where the Nuggets boast three vets with better than 20 ppg scoring averages each of the past two years (defending NBA scoring champ Alex English, Kiki Vandeweghe and Dan Issel), additional scoring punch was added via the '83 drafting of 6-7½ DAVID RUSSELL (St. John's), 6-7 DAVID LITTLE (Oklahoma) and 6-5 swing man YORK GROSS (Cal-Santa Barbara). Russell is a super-exciting talent who sparkles in the transition game, so like first round draftee Hi-C Carter, Russell should feel right at home with the runnin', shootin' Nuggets. Former Oklahoma Sooner Little is not overly quick nor does he jump all that well, but he's an exceptional outside shooter and passer for a guy his size, plus he has plenty of court savvy. Denver's high scoring machine has been deepened via the '83 draft, but the question is -- will there be enough shots to go around on this team?

DENVER DRAFT GRADE: B-Minus

DETROIT PISTONS -- Tailor made to order should be Piston No. 1 draftee ANTOINE CARR, a 6-9 power forward deluxe via Wichita State with an excellent shot at becoming an immediate pro regular in the Motor City. His final college year, Carr bucketed 22.6 points while averaging better than 7.5 boards, and not only is Carr big and strong, he also has exceptional mobility for his size. Mark him down as a potential All-Rookie team member this season. Three later front line draft pickups who'll get long looks are 6-8 STEVE BOUCHIE (Indiana), one of those typical all-around solid Hoosier players, along with 6-9 KEN AUSTIN (Rice) and 6-7 ROB GONZALEZ (Colorado). In time, Piston playmaking whiz Isiah Thomas may have a new starting partner at shooting guard in Syracuse's 6-5 ERICH SANTIFER, a fine scorer, especially in the transition game. Santifer was the leading scorer (17.8) for a Syracuse team that averaged the second most points per game (84.3) in the Division 1-A ranks last year. Provided he can make the switch from college forward, rangy 6-6 DEREK PERRY (Michigan State) might also have a shot at guard. Carr and Santifer appear the only sure things in this year's Piston draft, so you can't expect the team's draft grade rating to be that high -- it isn't!

DETROIT DRAFT GRADE: C

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS -- Aircraft carriers, that's of late what the Warriors have been concentrating on in the draft, and their latest addition is the U.S.S. Cross -- 6-10 Purdue power forward/center RUSSELL CROSS to be exact. Nurtured in the bang-'em, slam-'em Big 10 conference, Cross should have no trouble adjusting to the elbow flying wars underneath NBA baskets and if veteran power forward Larry Smith's right elbow isn't fully mended, Cross could move into Golden State's starting five right away. The Warriors also used a number of other '83 picks for front line prospects but the only one who appears to have much hope of sticking on the NBA scene is well-rounded 6-7 PETER THIBEAUX (St. Mary's), a fourth round choice with "sleeper" written all over him. With their No. 2 and No. 3 picks, Golden State went for guard depth in the persons of Utah's 6-8 big guard PACE MANNION and 6-3½ MICHAEL HOLTON out of UCLA. Mannion, who was just short of sensational for last year's Utes in the NCAA Tournament, is an excellent ballhandler who eats up smaller guards inside but will have to develop an outside shot. There's a good chance Mannion will swing between the back court and small forward if he does stick on with Golden State. The big draft news for the Warriors in 1983? Simple, the U.S.S. Cross has put in to dock.

GOLDEN STATE DRAFT GRADE: B-Minus

HOUSTON ROCKETS -- Pinch yourself, Rocket fans, it's really true! Via their first pick and the NBA's overall initial choice in the 1983 draft, Houston landed the guy they've been calling the greatest pivot man since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Moses Malone hit the NBA -- 7-4 RALPH SAMPSON out of Virginia. Sampson, selected three times as college basketball's player

of the year, is a "franchise" in the truest sense of the word and mere stats do not begin to tell the story of Stick's awesome talent. He will start at once, as may also the second of the Rockets two first round picks, Louisville's 6-7½ RODNEY McCRAI, who should develop into a simply fine pro power forward. Two other '83 Rocket draftees who will challenge for front line berths are 6-7 DARRELL BROWDER (Texas Christian) and 6-7 JIM STACK (Northwestern). The Rockets also dipped into this year's draft for two guard prospects of note, Washington State's rangy 6-6 CRAIG EHLO and 6-4 CHUCKIE BARNETT from Oklahoma. Ehlo is an excellent ballhandler for his size who should also be able to take advantage of smaller opponents by taking them down low. By winning the coin flip with the Cleveland Cavaliers for the rights to the NBA's first 1983 draft pick, the Rockets were able to land the probable future of center play in the NBA, Stick Sampson, and their later first round selection of McCray is just extra icing on the cake for the talent-starved Houston squad.

HOUSTON DRAFT GRADE: A-Plus



Houston made Virginia's Ralph Sampson the No. 1 pick in the '83 NBA college draft.

INDIANA PACERS -- It was on the strength of a great senior college season that Missouri's 6-1 STEVE STIPANOVICH's stock rose so high that the Pacers made him this year's second pick after Houston went for Ralph Sampson. Stipanovich is a husky 240-pounder who could project at either power forward or center for Indiana, but some have reservations about Stipanovich's intensity. He'll have to be fired up all the time to cut it in the NBA! Four other draftees who could add inside help are 6-9 LEROY COMBS (Oklahoma State), who may take some time to adjust from a college center to a pro forward; 6-7 TERRY FAIR off last year's Georgia Final Four NCAA tourney team, 6-9 ROGER STIEG (Mississippi) and 6-7 CLIFF PRUITT (Alabama-Birmingham). Although it took a trade with Chicago for the second of their two first round picks, Mitchell Wiggins, the Pacers feel they solved their problems at point guard for years to come with the acquisition of SIDNEY LOWE, sparkplug for last year's National Championship North Carolina State club. Lowe was Chicago's No. 2 choice and the first overall in round two of the draft. Several other guard selections who could push vets off the Pacer roster are 6-4 JIM THOMAS (Indiana) and West Virginia's 6-1 GREG JONES. With two of their top three picks (Stipanovich and Combs) at least a year or two away it seems, this was not the kind of "immediate help" draft the Pacers had hoped to enjoy.

INDIANA DRAFT GRADE: C

KANSAS CITY KINGS -- Hardly were the headlines dry announcing their drafting that, wham-bam, the Kings dealt their No. 1 and No. 2 picks -- Alabama point guard Enis Whatley and forward Chris McNealy from San Jose State -- to the Chicago Bulls for veteran forward Mark Olberding and Chicago's second round '83 choice, 6-9 power forward LARRY MICHEAUX out of Houston's Phi Slama Jama fraternity. Olberding and Micheaux are both noted as physical inside players, which is what the Kings need more of up front. After the selection of Whatley and McNealy, guards, guards and ditto took precedence in KC's 1983 draft, as in order the Kings took 6-6 STEVE HATTIEL (Washington State), 6-3 MIKE JACKSON (Wyoming), 6-3 LORENZA ANDREWS (Oklahoma State), 6-6½ ALVIS ROGERS (Wake Forest), 6-2 DANE SUTTLE (Pepperdine) and 6-4 PRESTON NEUMAYR (Cal-Davis). Harriel, a college teammate of high Houston Rocket draftee Craig Ehlo, is considered a great athlete with outstanding leadership ability who sparked last year's WSU Cougars. A super playmaker and passer is the thumbnail on Wyoming's Jackson, who also has a shot at sticking on in KC, but of the other four draftees (Andrews, Rogers, Suttle and Neumayr), all are longshots at most. It's hard to classify this year's KC draft since 1-2 picks Whatley and McNealy were traded, leaving trade acquisition Micheaux as the only probable sure thing among the King rookies.

KANSAS CITY DRAFT GRADE: C

LOS ANGELES LAKERS -- "Why bother overly much" seemed to be the attitude of the Lakers in the '83 college draft, where LA passed on its final two draft picks and took only five prospects overall. Their first choice, in round three, was 6-8 forward ORLANDO PHILLIPS from Pepperdine, a good leaper not adverse to putting the ball up from anywhere on the floor. To make the NBA grade, however, Phillips will have to learn to play more under control offensively while also refining his defensive skills. Those are both tall orders. Just for the sake of mention, the remainder of LA's 1983 draftees are another forward, 6-9 MARK STEELE (Colorado State) and a trio of guards, 6-5 TERRY LEWIS (Mississippi State), 5-3 DANNY DIXON (Alabama A&M) and 6-3 RICKY MIXON (Cal State-Fullerton). And if you think Phillips' prospects for making the Lakers are slim, those other '83 selection have about as much hope as the proverbial snowball in Hades. Why bother?

LOS ANGELES DRAFT GRADE: C-Minus

MILWAUKEE BUCKS -- With Bob Lanier and Dave Cowens both said to be pondering retirement, new front line blood was uppermost in Milwaukee's mind at draft time. Accordingly, their first two picks went for 7-3 RANDY BREUER (Minnesota) and 6-8 TED KITCHEL (Indiana). The thumbnail on Breuer has it that if he's to make the pro grade, he'll have to add some meanness plus poundage to his skinny frame. Kitchel must also show he's mended from a back injury that cut short his final college campaign. Several others who might prove helpful underneath the hoop are 6-7ers MARK PETTEWAY (New Orleans U.) and RUSSELL TODD (West Virginia). Although back court help wasn't really that necessary since Milwaukee's veteran pantry at those positions is loaded with goodies, the Bucks couldn't resist dipping into the '83 draft for a trio of 6-5 guard prospects: MIKE DAVIS (Alabama), and the duo of BILLY GOODWIN (St. John's) and MARK NICKENS (American). All three are good shooters, but with Milwaukee already having guard vets the likes of Sidney Moncrief, Brian Winters and swingman Junior Bridgeman -- none of whom has ever been shy when it comes to putting the ball up! -- it's questionable if any newcomers to the back line will even see the ball.

MILWAUKEE DRAFT GRADE: C-Plus

NEW JERSEY NETS -- With no choice in round one due to a previous trade, it wasn't until swing number two that the Nets sought to shore up their major weak spot -- guard play -- with the selection of Rhode Island's 6-3 HORACE "PAPPY" OWENS. Owens, a tough clutch shooter and aggressive defender, should alleviate some of the concern about the questionable knee of Jersey guard vet Otis Birdsong. With Darryl Dawkins still the same old hot-and-cold "Chocolate Thunder" and Mike Gminski yet to really prove himself as a pro

pivotman, it was logical the Nets used their third draft pick for 6-10½ BRUCE KUCZENSKI from Connecticut, a decent rebounder but below average scorer, while another front line addition is agile 6-7 small forward OSCAR TAYLOR (New Orleans U.), college teammate of Milwaukee draftee Mark Petteway. Along with Owens, two other Jersey guard draftees with shots at sticking are 6-3 BRANEY MINES, who two years ago helped Bradley win the NIT title, and Texas A&M's 6-4 TYREN NAULLS, a fine long range shooter and the nephew of former NY Knicks star Willie Naulls. Not having a first round pick put a definite crimp in New Jersey's 1983 draft efforts, and the following grade reflects that.

NEW JERSEY DRAFT GRADE: C-Minus

NEW YORK KNICKS -- The Knicks got exactly what they were looking for with their first round drafting of 6-4 DARRELL WALKER (Arkansas), a good scorer (18.2 per game last season) also regarded by most as the best defensive guard available. Walker will be given ample opportunity to work his way right into NY's starting five his rookie year. With both their second and third round choices surrendered in previous trades, the Knicks had to wait until round four to select St. Bonaventure point guard, 6-1 MARK JONES, while NY's next two picks were also expended on back court prospects -- East Tennessee State's 6-1 TROY LEE MIKELL and 6-5 TONY SIMMS (Boston University). Mikell, last year's Division 1-A field goal percentage (.675) champion, rates as the potential sleeper in this year's Knicks' draft. With ex-Boston Celtic Kevin McHale signed on as a free agent, NY's quest for inside help via the draft turned up but two genuine hopefuls in 6-7 DESI BARIMORE (Fresno State) and out of Penn State, rugged 6-9, 245-pound inside player MIKE LANG. Lang's biggest drawback is his lack of foot quickness while Desimore's is absence of a strong scoring touch, and it would be indeed startling if either makes the grade with the Knicks.

NEW YORK DRAFT GRADE: B-Minus

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS -- What do you give a team that already has mighty Moses Malone and Julius Erving, as well as last year's NBA championship in hand? How about a superb-passing big guard/small forward named LEO RAUTINS (Syracuse), as good a playmaking 6-8er as you're likely to see! Rautins, Philly's first round pick and the 17th overall on a choice from New Jersey, will as most 76ers rookies do break in slowly as a spot player and late fill-in. Down the road, if Rautins betters his shooting touch, he'll be a challenger for a starting role. "We've been in the (playoff) finals the last four years so there's no shortage of talent," explains Sixer GM Pat Williams. "But you have to keep thinking about the future." Philadelphia expended its round two choice on muscular 6-7 small forward KEN LYONS via North Texas State, followed in order by the selection of: 6-8½ CLAUDE RILEY (Texas A&M), 6-8 DAN RULAND (James Madison), 6-9 KALPATRICK WELLS (Mississippi State) and 6-6 CRAIG ROBINSON (Princeton). Lyons is a strong base line player who his final two college years had averages of 21.7 and 24.3 ppg with rebounding norms of 10.1 and 8.4. Rautins and Lyons should make the grade with the defending pro basketball kings, while the others have at best borderline prospects. But in the NBA, that's not a bad draft!

PHILADELPHIA DRAFT GRADE: B

PHOENIX SUNS -- The big draft time news in Phoenix was the club's trading of guard veteran Dennis Johnson and their first round '83 choice for 6-10 power forward/center Rick Robey and the Boston Celtics' two second round selections. With those picks, the Suns went after fleet guard "ROCKET" ROD FOSTER, the 6-2 jackrabbit from UCLA, and also from the PAC-10 conference, Arizona State's 6-6 small forward PAUL WILLIAMS. At this time, however, Foster and the Phoenix front office are still reportedly far apart on a contract agreement and if there's one thing that doesn't go over well in the NBA, it's rookie holdouts -- especially one who, like Foster, were still around on the second swing. Williams is a good shooter for his size who didn't get much publicity playing at ASU with No. 1 San Diego Clipper draftee Byron Scott, but Williams will have a chance to show his stuff with the forward-thin Suns. Two mid-round '83 draft picks who could also make it at forward are 6-7

SAM MOSLEY (Nevada-Reno) and 6-7½ **RICK LAMB** (Illinois State). Lamb was an outstanding college pivot man who might surprise if he can make the switch to power forward as a pro. The Suns are also encouraged by their third round '83 pick, 6-0 shooting guard **DEREK WHITTENBURG**, one of the cogwheels on last year's North Carolina State college championship club. Whittenburg is a shooter of unlimited range, but at just six-feet, he'll probably be overmatched against bigger pro guards. In truth, even if Phoenix does come to terms with "Rocket" Foster, this was anything but a banner draft haul for them and the following grade reflects that

PHOENIX DRAFT GRADE: C-Minus

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS -- If one player best exemplified last year's Houston Cougar "Phi Jama Slama" bunch, it was 6-7 **CLYDE DREXLER**, who can snag the rebound at the defensive end, bring the ball up floor with the dexterity of a point guard and stuff it with thunderous results. Poetry in basketball togs is Drexler, an NBA hardshipper who doesn't figure to start right away for the Blazers, but will most assuredly excite Portland fans when he's out on the floor. Drexler does make things happen at both ends of the floor. More noted for their bulk than finesse are Portland's next two '83 draftees, 6-11 **GRANVILLE WAITERS** (Ohio State) out of the rough-and-tumble Big Ten, and 7-1 **TOM PIOTROWSKI** (LaSalle), himself a burly 240-pounder. Waiters will get a trial at both center and power forward for the Blazers. Several other front line additions worthy of mention are 6-7 **GARY MONROE** (Wright State, Ohio), 6-6 **DERRICK POPE** (Montana) and 6-11 **FRANK SMITH** (Arizona), while foremost of Portland's guard draftees is small college star 6-1 **TIM DUNHAM** from Chaminade (Hawaii). Outside of Drexler, all the other '83 Blazer draftees will have to really scrap to displace rostered veterans, and one blue-chipper and sure thing out of ten selections doth not a high-grade draft make. Not by a long shot!

PORTLAND DRAFT GRADE: C

SAN ANTONIO SPURS -- Excellent bloodlines has San Antonio first round 1983 college draftee **JOHN PAXSON**, a 6-3 guard from Notre Dame and the younger brother of Portland veteran guard standout Jim Paxson. Like his big bro', John Paxson can bang 'em in from anywhere as a shooter plus he's also an accomplished ballhandler, and he should be an excellent backup to Spurs guard regulars George Gervin and Johnny Moore. One other '83 drafted guard who bears watching is 6-3 **KEVIN WILLIAMS** (St. John's), a fine shooter in his own right who didn't always get to show that with Billy Goodwin (Milwaukee '83 draftee) and Chris Mullin doing most of the banging for last year's Redmen. The Spurs showed their confidence in Williams though by making him their second of a pair of round two picks. The first No. 2 choice went for 6-10 power forward **DARRELL LOCKHART** (Auburn), a good in-close scoring threat and a strong rebounder to boot. Lockhart, like fellow San Antonio draftee Williams, didn't get a whole lot of "ink" in college but he could be a nice pickup for the Spurs. Two other front line additions who might be able to cut the mustard are 6-9½ **BRANT WEIDNER** (William & Mary) and 6-10 **JEFF TEHL** (Richmond), both college pivot men, who project -- provided they can make the adjustment -- as pro forwards. John Paxson looks to be the only sure thing in this year's Spurs draft, so unless Williams and Lockhart surprise, this was not a vintage San Antonio haul in 1983.

SAN ANTONIO DRAFT GRADE: C-Minus

SAN DIEGO CLIPPERS -- Since previous trades had cost the Clippers their second, third and fourth round picks in the '83 draft, they were determined to hit the bullseye with their first round choice -- and that, it appears, San Diego did. On board comes 6-4½ **BYRON SCOTT**, a pure shooting guard out of Arizona State who bypassed his final college season to toss his name in the NBA Hardship pool. If there's one thing the Clippers need most -- outside, of course, a full and healthy season from veteran center Bill Walton -- it's outside shooting, and Scott should supply that commodity from day one. Shy, Scott is not when it comes to putting the ball up, and he could be a dazzler from three-point range as a pro. Strictly speculative, though, are San Diego's other '83 draftees who, for the record only are: 7-6 Sudanese native **MANUTE BOL**, 6-5 **DANNY EVANS** (Oregon State), 6-7 **MARK GANNON** (Iowa), 6-2 **DAVID MAXWELL** (Fordham) and 6-0 **KEITH SMITH** (San Diego State). Outside of Scott, it will be surprising if the Clippers

even offer contracts to their remaining draft picks, but what can you expect with no 2-3-4 choices? Like they say, you gets what you pays for.

SAN DIEGO DRAFT GRADE: C

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS -- Numbered, many say, are the days of fading former superstar David "Skywalker" Thompson in Seattle, where for one thing the Sonics are bound to want to make room on their roster for first round 1983 draftee **JON SUNVOLD**, a 6-2 guard from Missouri. Sunvold, a poised shooter who bucketed 17.1 ppg his final year at Mizzou, may give away something at the defensive end because of his smallish size, but he should blend nicely with Seattle veteran guard standout Gus Williams at the offensive end. High scoring small college guard **FRANK BURNELL** (Stetson) could be a surprise, as might rangy 6-6 **BRAD WATSON** (Washington). Front line draftees with the best shots at making the final cut-down in Seattle are 6-8 second round pick **SCOOTER MCCRAY** (Louisville), 6-10 **PETE DEBISSCHOP** (Fairfield) and 6-7 **TONY WILSON** (Western Kentucky). McCray, older brother of first round Houston draftee Rodney, finished his college career strong after an injury-haunted early stint at Louisville, and Scooter's ability to hit the boards, run and shoot should be of big help in his quest to further his NBA career. The bottom line on this year's Seattle draft is that their two top possibilities, Sunvold and McCray, project as little more than role players in the NBA, and that does not an outstanding draft harvest make.

SEATTLE DRAFT GRADE: C-Plus

UTAH JAZZ -- Again this year, the Jazz surprised a lot of folks when they made 6-10 **THURL BAILEY** (North Carolina State) their first round college draft pick. A year ago, you'll recall, Utah took Dominique Wilkins as their No. 1, only to trade him to Atlanta, where the "Human Highlight Film" averaged 17.5 ppg and earned all-rookie. The question regarding '83 first round pick Bailey is not one of talent for he has that, but rather Utah's insistence that he will play power forward and nowhere else for them. Many have reservations about the slender 215-pounder as an NBA power forward unless Bailey starts pumping some heavy iron. Another Atlantic Coast Conference product culled in the '83 draft by the Jazz is Clemson's 6-8 **FRED GILLIAM** while a third selection with a chance at knocking a veteran off Utah's roster is 6-9 **DOUG ARNOLD** (Texas Christian). With their next pick after Bailey, the Jazz landed a deluxe sleeper in lanky 6-5 guard **ROBERT HANSEN** from Iowa, a fiesty competitor with outstanding offensive skills and improving defensive ability. Hansen is a product of the rugged Big Ten, when they often don't win or lose games -- but instead, are content just to take survivors. A second guard draftee of note is Oklahoma State's 6-2 **MATT CLARK**, an outstanding floor general with good shooting ability as well. First round pick Bailey and how well he masters the power forward position holds the key to this year's Utah draft, which outside of he and Hansen looks like a grab-bag proposition.

UTAH DRAFT GRADE: C

WASHINGTON BULLETS -- With Ricky Sobers getting up there in years, Kevin Grevey's questionable status and Frank Johnson being mostly a playmaker, guards who could put the ball in the hole took precedence in this year's Bullet draft. Washington aimed right at their weakness with their first round selection of Mississippi State's 6-4 **JEFF MALONE**, major college basketball's second best scorer (26.8 on 53.1 percent field goal shooting and 82.4 percent free throw accuracy) his senior year at MSU, and a player most felt the best pure shooter available. Malone should be an immediate offensive asset to the Bullet back court. With their second first round choice acquired via a trade with Los Angeles, the Bullets went for Indiana's solid 6-6 big guard/small forward **RANDY WHITMANN**, a fine passer, defender and scorer who could serve as a valuable swingman. The Bullets also had a pair of second round picks to work with, and those choices were used to add 6-7 **MICHAEL BRITT** (U. of District of Columbia) and 6-8 **GUY WILLIAMS** (Washington State). Britt is an exciting scorer who can really turn it on in the transition game, while Williams is a fine point producer who must rebound from an injury that cut short his final college season. Two other noteworthy front line additions are UCLA's 6-8 **DARREN DAYE** and 6-9 **DAN GAY** (Southwestern Louisiana). In all, 1983 was a very good draft year for the Bullets.

WASHINGTON DRAFT GRADE: A

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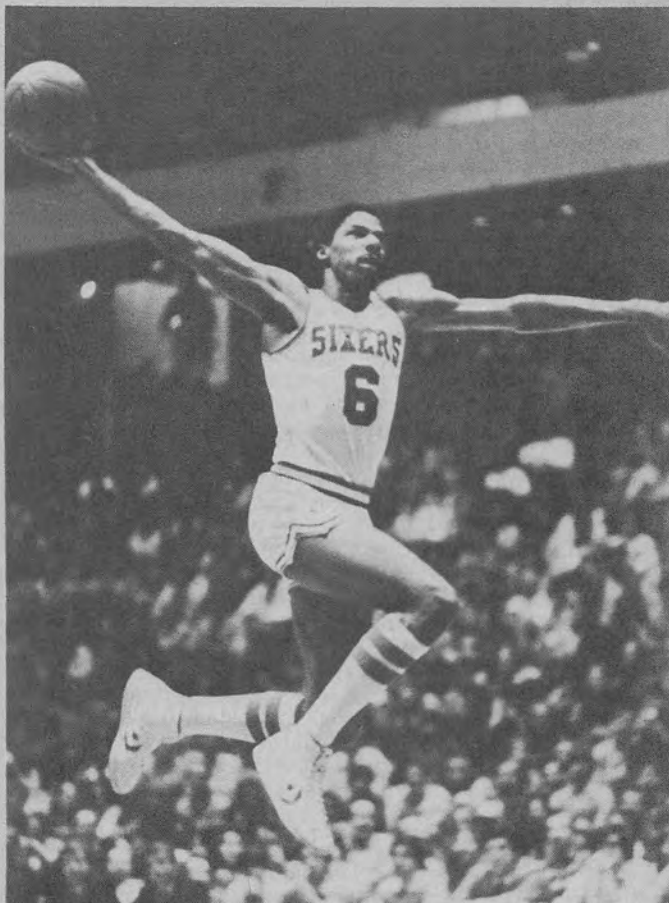
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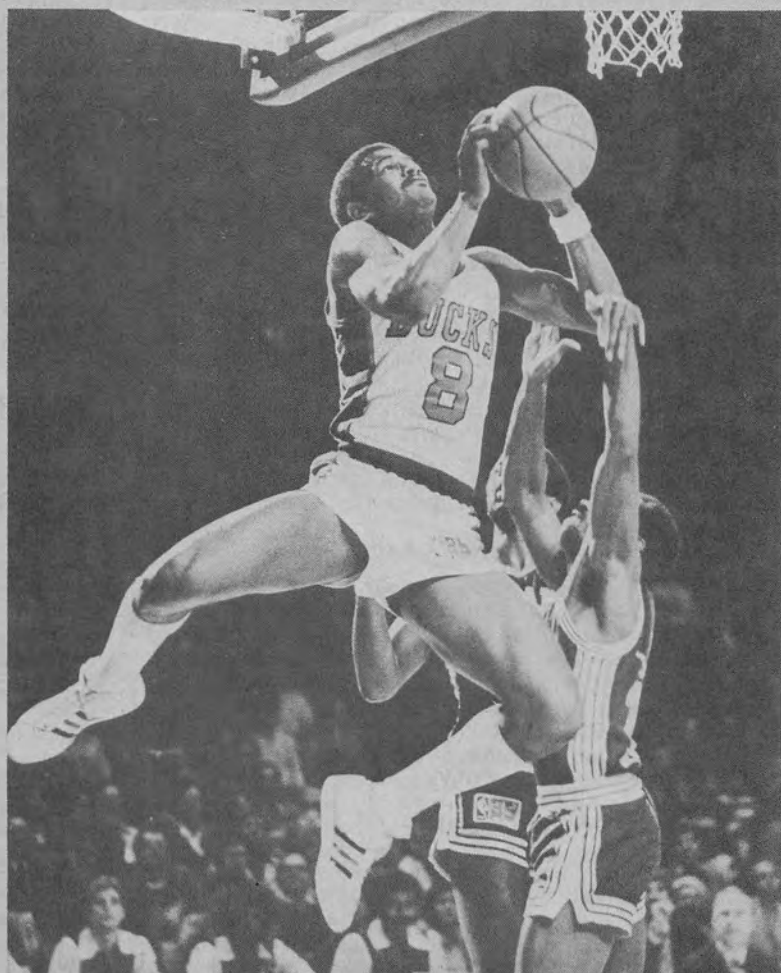
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Julius Erving
Philadelphia 76ers



Marques Johnson
Milwaukee Bucks



Atlantic Division

Philadelphia 76ers

(65-17, 1st in Atlantic)

Methodical. That's what the Sixers march to last year's NBA championship was -- almost a pre-ordained certainty once the mighty Moses Malone had been added. Malone blended perfectly with a 76er team whose inspirational essence for years has been Julius Erving. Malone himself acknowledged this when he commented upon first coming to the Sixers in a pre-season 1982-83 trade: "This is Doc's team. Moses is just here to help him win."

Win they did, too, as last year's Sixers streaked to the Atlantic Division regular season title nine full games ahead of Boston, then marched through the playoffs like Hitler's Panzer divisions during the early stages of World War II. Offense, defense, rebounding, playmaking, team cooperation and spirit -- the undeniable 76ers had it all, and still do as the 1983-84 NBA campaign draws quickly nearer.

Malone (24.5/15.3) and the Doc (22.4) are the Philly catalysts, of course, and so long as both stay hale and hearty, Coach Billy Cunningham's 76ers will also. Oh yes, to be sure, other Sixers make more than sizeable contributions, but it's Moses and Doctor J who cement this team together.

More often than not drawing the starting call at the forward spot opposite the Doc is rugged 6-8 Marc Iavaroni (5.1), who started in 77 of his 80 regular season games a year ago. Iavaroni is Philly's enforcer with a capital "E". Rounding out the team's veteran front line cast are 6-9 Bobby Jones (9.0), the consummate "sixth" man and one of the league's premier defenders, 6-10 Clemon Johnson (8.5), 6-7 Reggie Johnson (7.5), 6-9 Earl Cureton (3.4) and 6-10 Mark McNamara (2.2).

With an eye, no doubt, toward the free agent status of Clemon and Reggie Johnson the Sixers dipped into the 1983 college draft for a handful of front line prospects, including 6-8 Leo Rautins (Syracuse), 6-7 Ken Lyons (North Texas State), 6-9 Claude Riley (Texas A&M), 6-8 Dan Ruland (James Madison) and 6-9 Kalpatrick Wells (Mississippi State). First round pick Rautins is an exceptional passer for his size who played both big guard and small forward during his college career, but he'll have to muscle up if he's to stick as an NBA frontliner.

Along with Malone and Erving, the 76ers also had two other representatives in last year's NBA All-Star game -- starting guards Andrew "Shoot the Lights Out" Toney and Maurice "Pass and Steal Ya To Death" Cheeks. Nowhere in the league are you likely to find a more perfect back court compliment than the 6-3 Toney (19.7) and the 6-1 Cheeks (12.5/5.43 assists/18.4 steals). If the one (Toney) doesn't kill you with his shooting, the other (Cheeks) will pass and defense you to the point of tears!

Off the bench, in the way of veteran guards the Sixers have 6-3 Clint Richardson (7.5), a high scorer in college who has foregone that for better all-around play as a pro, and 6-1 Franklin Edwards (6.7). Richardson's 1,755 minutes of action were the most among Philly's non-regulars last season, including ace sixth man Jones. Of this year's guard draftees, the only one given much of a shot at making the defending World

Champions' roster is 6-3 Sedale Threatt (West Virginia Tech), who was impressive while playing for a 76ers summer league team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: As was the case last season, and especially when the Big Chips were on the table at playoff time, there may be no stopping the 76ers this year either. Already some of the game's most knowledgeable observers are calling this one of the NBA's greatest all-time teams, and GAMEPLAN most wholeheartedly concurs! The Doctor, Julius Erving, and Mighty Moses (Malone) are Philadelphia's certified superstars and their presence alone marks this down as a powerful Sixer club. Mix in all-star guards Toney, Cheeks and super-subs Bobby Jones and Richardson, and what you have is simply this -- THE team to beat in the 1983-84 NBA title chase. It's as basic as one-plus-one equals two!

Boston Celtics

(56-26, 2nd in Atlantic)

New Celtic head man K.C. Jones, himself a former Boston standout during some of the team's most glorious years, hit the nail perfectly on the head when he made the following comment upon assuming command of the NBA's Beantown entry. "In Boston, Philly and LA," said Jones, "the feeling exists that nothing less than a championship will do." What K.C. left unstated was that Celtic fans may be getting a bit restless since it's going on three years now since their favorite sons of the hardwood have hung up another league title banner in the rafters of Boston Garden.

The Celtic veteran who draws the most rave reviews -- and justifiably so -- is 6-9 All-Pro forward Larry Bird. What more can you ask of a basketball player? Bird scores (23.6), rebounds (11.0), passes as well as any big man in the game and plays nose-up defense at all times. Without Bird, Boston's prospects would be greatly dimmed and he's the one guy new skipper Jones cannot afford to lose.

Joining Bird in the Celts' starting front line are 7-0 pivot Robert Parrish (19.3/8.27 rebounds) and 6-8 forward Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell (11.9). That trio gives the Celts a strong inside game, but Bird is the only decent outside shooter of the threesome. In fact, Bird is probably Boston's only consistent long-range scoring threat, and enemy defenses figure to continue to overplay against that team weakness.

Off the bench in the front line, the Celts traded Rick Robey (to Phoenix) during the off-season but were sure elated that they were able to come to contract terms with 6-11 Kevin McHale (14.1), as good a young power forward as you'll find in the NBA. Also available in the way of veteran inside help is Scott Wedman (11.2), a former KC Kings' All-Pro who still fills in well when the need arises, and 6-6 defensive ace M.L. Carr (4.3).

In the '83 college draft, the Celts expended their No. 1 pick on a potential pivot backup for Parrish, 6-11 Greg Kite (Brigham Young), while two other front line additions with shots at sticking are 6-9 Winfred King (East Tennessee State) and 6-7 Craig Robinson (Virginia). Kite, a modest 7.7 point, 8.8 rebound man his final college year, figures to settle into the role of chief spear carrier at the center spot.

There's two items of major importance in the Celtic back court, the first of which is the off-season trade acquisition via the Phoenix Suns of 6-4 Dennis "D.J." Johnson. The second is that Boston has given walking papers to former Celtic playmaking ace Nate "Tiny" Archibald, who was coming off an injury-fraught season.

Johnson, who averaged 14.2 points and handed out 388 assists his final year with the Suns, should be an immediate starter for the Celts because of his tough defensive play and long-range shooting skill. Johnson should at last supply the Celts with a legitimate scoring threat out of the back court, something the team has lacked for awhile. Pulling the regular's assignment opposite him will doubtless be 6-5 Danny Ainge (9.9/10.9 steals), who got the starting call in 76 of the 80

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
10	Maurice Cheeks	G	6-1
25	Earl Cureton	C	6-9
14	Franklin Edwards	G	6-1
6	Julius Erving	F	6-6
8	Marc Iavaroni	F	6-10
45	Clemon Johnson	C	6-10
33	Reggie Johnson	F	6-9
24	Bobby Jones	F	6-9
2	Moses Malone	C	6-10
31	Mark McNamara	C	7-1
4	Clint Richardson	G	6-3
22	Andrew Toney	G	6-3



Larry Bird
Boston Celtics

regular season games he appeared in during the 1982-83 campaign.

Other Celtic guard vets are 6-2 Gerald Henderson (8.2), 6-3 ex-Milwaukee Buck Quinn Buckner (7.9/108 steals) and 6-5 Charles Bradley (3.6), while a trio of '83 college draftees Boston will give careful examinations are 6-4 Carlos Clark (Mississippi), 6-4 Bob Reitz (Stonehill) and 6-5 Ron Jackson (Providence). Clark is another fine shooting backcourter who averaged better than 20 ppg his final two college seasons.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Celtics and every other Atlantic Division member were overshadowed last season in Philadelphia's relentless drive to the NBA title, and such could well be Boston's fate again in 1983-84. Yes, this is a good club former Celt player, assistant and now head man K.C. Jones will lead into this year's NBA wars. By himself, Larry Bird insures front line stability for Boston, but just as that burden had begun to take its toll on Julius Erving until Moses Malone's arrival in Philadelphia, so the Celts cannot indefinitely

ly expect the Birdman to shoulder such an immense role. Fellow front line regulars Parrish and Maxwell are solid pros, while chief inside backup McHale is a corner, but remove Bird and you have front line chaos. The addition of tight guarding outside shooter D.J. Johnson should immediately brighten the Celtic back court picture, and with Ainge and Bradley coming along on schedule and Gerald Henderson a proven performer in his own right, Boston's guard contingent is among the Atlantic Division's deepest in quality. Simply put, though, the Celts of 1983-84 figure -- like everyone else in the Division -- to play another year of chase the Sixers in the run for Atlantic title honors.

BOSTON CELTICS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
44	Danny Ainge	G	6-5
33	Larry Bird	F	6-9
35	Charles Bradley	G	6-5
28	Quinn Buckner	G	6-3
30	M.L. Carr	F-G	6-6
43	Gerald Henderson	G	6-2
-	Dennis Johnson	G	6-4
31	Cedric Maxwell	F	6-8
32	Kevin McHale	F-C	6-10
00	Robert Parish	C	7-1/2
20	John Schweitz	G	6-6
8	Scott Wedman	F	6-7

New Jersey Nets

(49-33, 3rd in Atlantic)

A legion of youthful talent awaits new skipper Stan Albreck, whose last NBA port-of-call was San Antonio where he directed the Spurs to last year's Midwest Division title. But good as these young Nets are, rewarding Albreck with another division title -- in this case, the Atlantic -- means overcoming two very large obstacles: The Philadelphia 76ers and Boston Celtics.

The past two years, New Jersey has run third to the Sixers and Celts in the Atlantic race, and such could be their fate again in 1983-84 -- unless, of course, Moses Malone gets hurt, Julius Erving stops skywalking or Larry Bird stops flying high!

Right up there in his own right with the NBA's Malones, Ervings and Birds is Jersey's brilliant young power forward Buck Williams, last year's second best league rebounder (12.5 per game) and fifth best field goal shooter (58.8). Scoring-wise, Buck jammed home 17.0 per game to tie fellow starting forward Albert King for the Nets' scoring lead, and Jersey fans should be forever thankful to the University of Maryland -- which sent the Nets both Williams and King as dual first round 1981 college draftees.

King, the Jello-smooth kid brother of NY Knick Bernard King, is not the rugged inside player Williams is, but his finesse is the perfect complement for his starting forward partner. In the way of veteran backup corner men, the Nets have another former No. 1 draftee, 6-7 Mike O'Koren (6.7), who endured an injury-fraught 1982-83 campaign, along with 6-6 Eddie Phillips (3.2) and much-travelled 6-8 vet Bill Willoughby (5.5). One has almost lost count of the number of NBA teams Willoughby has played with since coming to the league as a hardship case right out of high school, ala Moses Malone, nine years ago.

NEW JERSEY NETS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
10	Otis Birdsong	G	6-4
35	Reggie Carter	G	6-3
12	Darwin Cook	G	6-3
53	Darryl Dawkins	C	6-11
42	Mike Gminski	C	6-11
55	Albert King	F	6-6
31	Mike O'Koren	F-G	6-7
51	Eddie Phillips	F	6-6 1/2
14	Kelvin Ransey	G	6-2
20	Michael Ray Richardson	G	6-5
52	Buck Williams	F	6-8
34	Bill Willoughby	F	6-8

Suffice it to say, though, Willoughby has been around some.

In the way of new forward prospects, the Nets tabbed a total of five in this year's college draft who are, in order of selection: 6-10 Bruce Kuczenski (Connecticut), 6-6 Oscar Taylor (New Orleans), 6-5 Keith Bennett (Sacred Heart), 6-8 Joey Myers (Duquesne) and 6-6 Kevin Black (Rutgers). Third round pick Kuczenski, though, is the only one of those draftees with an even remote shot at sticking with the Nets -- and even Kuczenski's prospects are nebulous.

At center, 6-11 Darryl Dawkins is his usual hot-then-cold self and as for 6-11 backup pivot man Mike Gminski, it's a small miracle when he gets through a full season without getting banged up. To his credit, Gminski did suit up for a career high 80 regular season games in 1982-83, but out of that came averages of only 7.5 points and 4.7 boards.

Darryl Dawkins? His 1982-83 scoring and rebounding stats read about per Dawkins NBA career: 12.0 points, 5.2 boards. Granted, Dawkins did rank among last year's league leaders in field goal percentage (59.9) while he blocked a respectable 152 shots, but gone it appears are the days when folks kept waiting for Darryl to become another Malone or Jabbar. A reliable enough pro, that Dawkins will probably be for years to come, but he needs talented support around him if his team is to harbor any NBA championship notions.

In the back court, a great deal hinges on the physical status of 6-4 shooting guard Otis Birdsong, who averaged 15.1 points but appeared in only 62 games last season. Birdsong's has become a history of medical problems since coming to the Nets several years ago in a trade with the Kansas City Kings, for whom Birdsong was an almost perennial 20 ppg scorer. With the Nets, last year's 15.1 average was Birdsong's highest for them, and it's probably time for Jersey to start shopping around for a more reliable shooting guard.

Rounding out the veteran back court contingent are 6-3 Darwin Cook (13.2) and 6-5 Michael Richardson (12.6), who ranked among the NBA steals leaders last year with respective totals of 194 and 182. There's also 5-11 journeyman "Foots" Walker (4.4), who saw reserve action in 79 regular season 1982-83 games.

New guard prospects, all culled in the '83 college draft, are 6-3 Dirk Minniefield (Kentucky), an excellent playmaker but low profile scorer; 6-4 Horace Owens (Rhode Island), 6-3 Barney Mines (Bradley) and 6-4 Tyren Naulis (Texas A&M). The potential sleeper in that foursome is "Pappy" Owens, a very un-shy shooter who bucketed 22.8 ppg his final college season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is unquestionably one of the NBA's finer young teams, but like everyone else in the Atlantic Division the Nets figure to play chase the 76ers and Celtics again this year. Inside, former Maryland Terrapin teammates Williams and Albert King form a youthful and talented forward tandem, and their support is adequate in O'Koren when he's healthy, former high school phenom Willoughby and young Eddie Phillips. At center, the Nets will have to get by for now with Dawkins and Gminski, neither of whom will ever be a dominant pro post man but at least give it their best shots. At guard, question marks surround Birdsong, while there's also the chance Michael Richardson may get bitten again by the gypsy bug as he has in the past with other NBA teams. Put down guard play, therefore, as being a bit murky for the 1983-84 Nets. Third again in the Atlantic Division seems New Jersey's destiny this season, and at that just a tad ahead of the resurgent New York Knicks.

New York Knicks

(44-38, 4th in Atlantic)

The Knicks have been a busy bunch since the close of the last NBA season, and while they struck out on their main endeavor (wooing Boston Celtic free agent forward Kevin McHale), there will be changes in Coach Hubie Brown's team in 1983-84. For one thing, guard veteran Paul Westphal -- last season's NBA "Comeback Player of the Year" -- has been told his contract is too large for the Knicks to handle. On a second front NY dealt forward Sly Williams to Atlanta for big guard Rudy Macklin.

The 6-7 Macklin, who can also swing to forward, averaged 5.3 points in 73 regular season games his final year with the Hawks, but it's his long-armed defense that should most endear Macklin to Knick fans when he plays guard. Also falling

NEW YORK KNICKS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
25	Bill Cartwright	C	7-1
26	Mike Davis	C-F	6-11
44	Len Elmore	C-F	6-9½
18	Ernie Grunfeld	F-G	6-6
30	Bernard King	F	6-7
41	Rudy Macklin	F	6-7
55	Louis Orr	F	6-9
23	Leonard Robinson	F	6-7
13	Ed Sherod	G	6-2
2	Rory Sparrow	G	6-2
8	Vince Taylor	G	6-5
6	Trent Tucker	G	6-5
4	Darrell Walker	G	6-4
40	Marvin Webster	C	7-1

under the new-to-the-Knicks back court heading are four '83 college draftees -- 6-4 Darrell Walker No. 1 pick via Arkansas), 6-1 Mark Jones (St. Bonaventure), 6-1 Troy Lee Mikell (East Tennessee State) and 6-5 Tony Simms (Boston University). Walker, an 18.2 ppg scorer his final college year who has been likened to former Razorback star and current Milwaukee Bucks' All-Pro Sidney Moncrief, is said to be the finest defensive guard on this year's college draft list. There, again, you have a good reason Knicks fans should quickly take him to their bosoms.

Foremost of NY's veteran guards are 6-2 playmaking ace Rory Sparrow (11.6/397 assists), 6-5 second-year pro Trent Tucker (8.4), last year's first round Knick draftee; and 6-2 Edmund Sherod (6.2). Sparrow was a free agent earlier this year but the Knicks, acknowledging their need for his playmaking, tendered a new and more lucrative contract.

Up front, the Knicks are sparked both on and off the court by 6-7 forward Bernard King, whose recovery from drug and alcohol problems is a message of hope in itself during these troubled times. Last season, his first in Knicks' livery following a trade with Golden State, King averaged a team high 21.9 points but more importantly, he served so often as the inspira-



Marvin Webster
New York Knicks

tion for this still youthful NY team, especially during a great late season surge to the playoffs.

NY's normal starter at the opposite forward is 6-7 Truck Robinson (9.7), the team's leading 1982-83 rebounder as he captured 657 caroms, while rounding out the regular inside cast is 7-1 center Bill Cartwright (15.7/590 boards), whose per-game average slipped last season but who has shown steady improvement in several other aspects of his game. Look for the Knicks to work the ball underneath to Cartwright, an excellent in-close shooter, more often in 1983-84.

Veteran NBA frontliners available for pinch-hitting roles are 6-9 stringbean Louis Orr (8.4), one of the league's most respected sixth men; 7-0 Marvin Webster (5.4/131 blocked shots) and 6-6 scrapper Ernie Grunfeld (5.4). The Knicks used mid-round '83 college draft picks on 6-7 forward Desi Barimore, a tough defender out of the Fresno State Bulldog camp, and Penn State's 6-9 power forward Mike Lang.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Knicks struggled out of the Atlantic Division basement last season, which is no easy assignment in this neck of the woods with the likes of Philadelphia, Boston, the New Jersey Nets and Washington to contend with. In typical Hubie Brown style, this is a hard-nosed, tight defending Knickerbocker outfit that allowed the NBA's fewest per game points a year ago, 97.5. On the offensive end, however, NY outscored only three other league members (Houston, Washington and Cleveland), so it's obvious this is a club in need of increased scoring punch. Forward Bernard King and center Cartwright are the Knicks main front line scoring threats while super-sub Orr can also fill it up coming off the bench. It's in the back court, though, where NY most needs greater scoring productivity and the release of still sweet shooting vet Westphal doesn't help any. Perhaps the team's last two first round college draftees, Trent Tucker and Darrell Walker, may supply that commodity, but both came out of college with big reps as defenders more than scorers and that hardly goes to the heart of NY's problem. Look again this season for the Knicks to be strong playoff contenders in the overall Eastern Conference scheme, but don't expect this club to be a serious threat to the Philadelphia, Bostons, LAs and Milwaukee in the NBA title race.

Washington Bullets

(42-40, 5th in Atlantic)

Nothing tells more succinctly of their "problem" than this. Last year's Bullets finished above .500, yet found themselves mired 23 games deep in the Atlantic Division basement. The league's other three 1982-83 division cellar dwellers and their respective records? In the Central, the 20-62 Indiana Pacers, Houston (14-68) in the Midwest and San Diego (25-57) in the Pacific. Now do you see Coach Gene Shue's and the Bullets' problem!

Washington's strength, as it has been so many times in the recent past, is a big, burly not-adverse-to-throwing-its-weight-around starting front line of 6-10 center Ricky Mahorn (11.0/779 rebounds/148 blocked shots), 6-11 forward/going on center Jeff Ruland (19.4/871 boards for an NBA eighth best 11.0 average) and 6-7 forward Greg Ballard (18.0/508 rebs). That trio adds up to around 800 pounds of beef on the hoof, making the Bullets starting front line more closely resemble some three-man defensive line in pro football. The Bullets don't beat you inside, the beat the hell oughta ya on the inside!

WASHINGTON BULLETS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
42	Greg Ballard	F	6-7
22	Don Collins	F-G	6-6
23	Charles Davis	F	6-7
-	Mike Gibson	F	6-10
35	Kevin Grevey	G	6-5
15	Frank Johnson	G	6-3
31	Joe Kopicki	F	6-9
44	Rick Mahorn	C-F	6-10
-	Tom McMillen	F-C	6-11
43	Jeff Ruland	F-C	6-11
14	Ricky Sobers	G	6-3
12	Carlos Terry	F-G	6-5
13	Bryan Warrick	G	6-5



Jeff Ruland
Washington Bullets

In the way of NBA-tested front line backups, Coach Shue can go to 6-7 Charles Davis (7.6) and 6-5 swing man Carlos Terry (1.6). In the '83 college draft, the Bullets went for inside help in the persons of 6-7 Michael Britt, a local small college star at the U. of District Columbia, 6-9 Guy Williams (Washington State) and 6-8 Darren Daye (UCLA). Britt is an awesome offensive talent who truly sparkles in the transition game, and he's not reluctant to comment: "I don't think anybody in the world can stop me on the open floor... I just want to get the crowd on its feet." If he plays as big as he talks, watch out for the acrobatic Britt.

Also, in late-breaking news, the Bullets traded their second of two first round draft picks, Indiana guard Randy Whitmann, to the Atlanta Hawks for 6-11 forward veteran Tom McMillen. His final year with the Hawks, the steady McMillen averaged 8.3 points and cleared 217 boards in 61 games. His experience will be a welcome addition to Washington's reserve front line crew.

The Bullets very first '83 college draftee, 6-4 Jeff Malone (Mississippi State), goes right to the heart of the team's biggest single shortcoming the past few years -- a guard who could burn the net out of the basket. Enter Malone, a better than 20 ppg scorer his final two college years and no shirker himself in the self-praise department. "I don't think there are any (college) guards better than me," states Malone, and you know what -- he could be right!

At present, Washington's starting back court duo consists of 6-3 veteran Ricky Sobers (15.7 in just 41 regular season games) and 6-3 Frank Johnson (12.5), fifth in the NBA in assists a year ago with 8.1 per outing. There are some large questions, mostly of the medical nature, surrounding chief Bullet guard backups Kevin Grevey (7.2 in only 41 games) and Kevin Porter (4.3 in 11 contests). Hardly surprising then was the 1983 first round college draft selection of Malone, who if for no better reason than his great outside shooting should see a lot of right-away action in Washington's back court. Still, at the guard positions as well as in the Bullet front line, there doesn't appear adequate depth to withstand too extensive an outbreak of injuries or this club will be doomed worse than it already is, having to play in the Atlantic Division.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: That's the gist of it, you see -- the Bullets are a good team, sure enough. But so often of late

they've had to play in the shadows of the division's Philadelphias and Bostons. And now with the NY Knicks and New Jersey Nets both on the upswing as well, rugged is the battle Washington faces again in 1983-84 if Coach Shue's club is to escape the Atlantic cellar. Not that there's a lack of talent in Bullet-land, no indeed, for in Mahorn, Ruland and Ballard, Washington boasts not only a physically imposing, but talented and tuned-to-each-other starting front line. Vets

Sobers, now that he's mended, and Frank Johnson key the back court with No. 1 college draftee Malone sure to give this area a shot in the arm with his long range bang-'em-in ability. Reality suggests, however, that the best the 1983-84 Bullets can hope for is just to escape the Atlantic Division basement, no easy task upon reflecting that all four other division members went playoffing last season. Woe, poor Gene Shula, the Bullets and their Problem!

Central Division

Milwaukee Bucks

(51-31, 1st in Central)

The Bucks have won division titles each of the past four seasons under granite-jawed skipper Don Nelson, but each time they were ousted in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Last season it was the virtually unstoppable Philadelphia 76er steamroller that did Milwaukee in, and the truth is time may be running out for several Bucks veterans like the aging pivot tandem of Bob Lanier and Dave Cowens.

A year ago, various physical maladies prevented the 34-year-old Lanier from appearing in all but 39 regular season games during which the 6-11 vet averaged 10.7 points and 5.1 rebounds. Cowens, who is said to be contemplating retirement unless his health improves, saw action in 40 games in 1982-83, posting norms of 8.1 points and 5.0 boards. He, too, is 34.

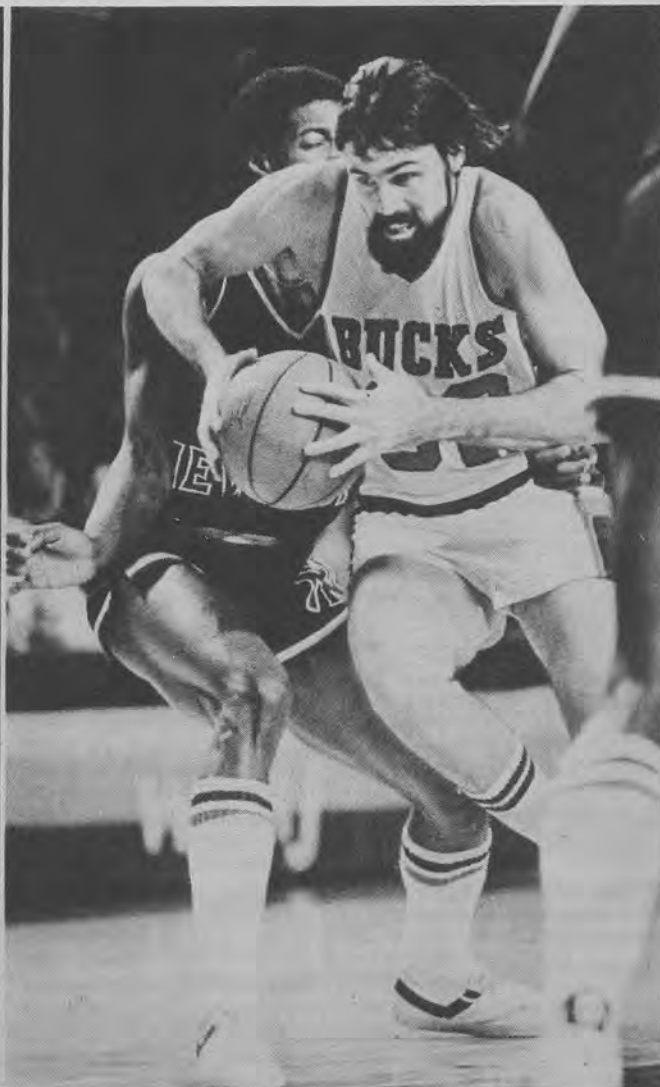
As a guard against center play deteriorating any further, the Bucks used their first pick in the 1983 college draft to snare 7-2

Randy Breuer (Minnesota), who averaged 20.4 ppg and 8.9 rpg his final college season. But before he'll be ripe for NBA combat underneath the basket, Breuer will have to muscle up his slender frame and develop a more aggressive nature. For now, look for the Bucks to bring Breuer along slowly.

At the forward spots, Milwaukee has an excellent starting combo in 6-7 Marques Johnson (21.4/7.0) and 6-11 Alton Lister (8.4/7.1/177 blocked shots). Lister, after some early struggles as a pro, has developed into a powerful front line force, while Johnson of course is considered the game's consummate small forward. Lister and Johnson both appeared in 80 regular season games a year ago, most among the Bucks.

Other front line vets are 6-10 center/forward Harvey Catlings (3.3/5.5), 7-0 Paul Mokeski (3.9/3.6) and 6-5 guard/forward Junior Bridgeman (14.4/3.4). Bridgeman is one of the NBA's finest sixth men and last season, for the sixth time in his eight years as a pro, Junior surpassed the 1,000-point mark. Bridgeman can supply scoring punch off the bench, and quickly!

Sidney Moncrief (left) and Brian Winters (right) of the Milwaukee Bucks.



MILWAUKEE BUCKS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
-	Nate Archibald	G	6-1
2	Junior Bridgeman	F-G	6-5
42	Harvey Catchings	C-F	6-10
36	Dave Cowens	F-C	6-9
15	Charlie Criss	G	5-8
12	Phil Ford	G	6-2
8	Marques Johnson	F	6-7
16	Bob Lanier	C	6-10½
53	Alton Lister	C-F	6-11½
45	Paul Mokeski	C	7-0
4	Sidney Moncrief	G	6-4
25	Paul Pressey	G	6-5
32	Brian Winters	G	6-4

In the '83 college draft after nabbing Breuer, the Bucks went on to select five forward prospects. They are: 6-8 Ted Kitchel (Indiana), 6-7 Mark Petteway (New Orleans), 6-7 Russell Todd (West Virginia), 6-10 Brett Burkholder (DePaul) and 6-7 Bill Varner (Notre Dame). Best of those draftees are Kitchel, although he's somewhat suspect after a serious back injury cut short his final college season, and the slender Petteway, a good shooter and leaper with a pencil-thin frame.

Headlining a deep Milwaukee back court contingent is 6-4 Sidney Moncrief, or "Sir Sid" as he might more aptly be called. A year ago, Sir Sid pumped in an NBA career high 22.5 ppg while his quick hands enabled him to record a team high 113 steals. Moncrief, in just his fifth pro season, is truly one of the league's most exciting performers, up there in the Doctor J. class. Sir Sid will get your heart to hammering when he starts cookin'.

Milwaukee's back court also boasts one of the NBA's finest young playmakers and defenders in long-armed 6-5 Paul Pressey, a second-year pro. Pressey averaged only a modest 6.7 ppg his rookie year, but by season's end he was starting and deftly running the Bucks' offense. Pressey's is a bright future.

As if Moncrief and Pressey weren't enough, Milwaukee's rich back court larder also contains downtown shooter Brian Winters (10.6), who started a dozen games last year but is most valuable and dangerous as instant offense off the bench. Two other guard vets on hand are diminutive 5-8 Charlie Criss (6.2) and 6-2 Phil Ford (6.8), whose personal problems have tarnished the career of what was once perhaps the NBA's premier point men. Now, five years a pro, Ford must prove he still has it.

Back court prospects added via this year's college draft are 6-4 Mike Davis (Alabama), 6-5 Billy Goodwin (St. John's), Mark Nickens (American), Charles Hurt (Kentucky), 6-1 Anthony Hicks (Xavier, Ohio) and 6-0 Bob Kelly (St. John's). Davis and Goodwin, both outstanding shooters, are the most highly regarded of those draftees but the potential sleeper is Nickens, who not only can score but also has a rep for playing tough "D." And if there's one thing most dear to Coach Don Nelson's heart, it's guys who play belly button-to-belly button defense.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Again this season, the Bucks loom as the team to beat in the Central Division, where last year only Milwaukee and the Atlanta Hawks managed winning regular season records. In the Bucks back court, there's really not much more you can ask for than what's already on hand, and be it scoring, playmaking or defense -- Milwaukee's guard contingent can provide it. Up front, some questions surround pivot vets Lanier and Cowens, but you gotta like any inside crew possessing the likes of Marques Johnson, Lister, swing man Bridgeman, dependable Catchings and seven-footer Breuer coming on board. It would probably take nothing short of a M-A-J-O-R outbreak of injuries to undermine this year's Bucks, who barring the wholly unexpected will again rule the Central Division in 1983-84. But winning the Eastern Conference championship will doubtless depend, as it has the past few years, on Milwaukee's getting the better of Philadelphia and/or the Boston Celtics. **GAMEPLAN** questions if the Bucks can be any more successful in that regard this season than they have in the past.



Dominique Wilkins
Atlanta Hawks

Atlanta Hawks (43-39, 2nd in Central)

When Kevin Loughery jumped ship to take command of Central Division rival Chicago, the Hawks filled their head coaching berth with highly regarded, but low profile Mike Fratello. Fratello, who previously worked as an assistant under Loughery and Hubie Brown, has commented: "I'd like to combine the best of what Kevin and Hubie gave me. I worked for two good men and I don't mind taking from either. But neither man changed my own personality."

Fratello, who last season served as a NY Knicks aide, inherits an Atlanta team built around its stellar starting front line trio of power forward Dan Roundfield, **super** forward Dominique Wilkins and center Wayne "Tree" Rollins. A year ago, while appearing and starting in 76 of 77 regular season games, Roundfield scored at a team-high 19.0 rate and was the NBA's sixth best rebounder with an 11.4 average. Add in all the other things Roundfield does so well, and you can see why many consider him the league's consummate big forward.

Forward sidekick Wilkins, nicknamed the "Human Highlight Film," tossed in 17.5 ppg while starting all 82 regular season games as a rookie, the third best scoring average (exceeded by

ATLANTA HAWKS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
31	Rickey Brown	F-C	6-10
16	Johnny Davis	G	6-2
11	Keith Edmonson	G	6-5
34	Mike Glenn	G	6-3
44	Scott Hastings	F-C	6-10½
3	Eddie Johnson	G	6-2
52	George Johnson	C	6-11
1	Wes Matthews	G	6-1
30	Tree Rollins	C	7-1
32	Dan Roundfield	F	6-8
7	Randy Smith	G	6-3
-	Brett Vroman	C	7-0
21	Dominique Wilkins	F	6-7
33	Sly Williams	F	6-7

only San Diego's Terry Cummings and Indiana's Clark Kellogg) among first-year pros in 1982-83. Rounding out Atlanta's starting inside crew is seven-foot pivot Rollins, who scored at a 7.8 rate, cleared 743 boards and ran away with the league shot blocking title, rejecting 343 for a 4.29 per game average.

In the way of NBA-tested front line reserves, the Hawks have 6-11 former San Antonio Spur and New Jersey Net regular George Johnson (1.7/57 blocked shots in 37 games) and 6-11 ex-Golden State Warrior Rickey Brown (5.3 in 76 overall games; 5.3 in 26 contests with Atlanta). Additionally, in an off-season trade the Hawks acquired 6-7 Sly Williams (11.9) for big guard Rudy Macklin in a deal with the NY Knicks. On top of that, the Hawks also shipped disgruntled free agent Tom McMillen to the Washington Bullets for the rights to Bullet first round 1983 draftee Randy Wittman, a 6-6 big guard from Indiana.

In the way of new front line recruits, those with the best shot at making the Hawks roster are 6-8 John "Golden Bear" Pinone (Villanova), 6-7 Harry "Machine Gun" Kelley (Texas Southern) and 6-10 Charles "Big Time" Jones (Oklahoma). The most promising of the three is Pinone, a tremendous inside scoring threat and strong rebounder whose only drawback may be his limited speed.

Out front, Atlanta's top hand when injuries and personal problems don't get in the way is 6-2 Eddie Johnson (16.0 in just 61 regular season games). Also available in this area are 6-2 Johnny Davis (12.9), 6-3 Mike Glenn (7.3), 6-1 Wes Matthews (6.9) and 6-5 Keith Edmondson (3.5). Edmondson was Atlanta's first round pick in last year's college draft and is slated to see more action his sophomore pro season.

In the '83 draft, the Hawks first choice on round two went for 6-3 playmaking guard Glenn "Doc" Rivers (Marquette), a hard-ship case who can do everything with a basketball except make a quiche out of it. Don't forget that the Hawks also own the rights to Wittman, an excellent passer and defender who could swing between big guard and small forward.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Hawks have finished second to the powerful Milwaukee Bucks the past two years in the Central Division, and each time their regular season mark was good enough to qualify Atlanta for the playoffs. New skipper Fratello has a super regular front line threesome in Rollins, Roundfield and Wilkins, while reserve strength in this area got a shot in the arm with the trade addition of Sly Williams, who should be a standout backup to Wilkins at small forward. In the back court, Eddie Johnson and Johnny Davis are Atlanta's top vets and depth in this area, which was hitherto a shortcoming, stands to benefit from the arrival of rookies Rivers and Wittman. It's the general feeling that neither the Hawks nor any other Central Division member will end Milwaukee's title reign in 1983-84, but Atlanta should finish no worse than second again while probably earning another playoff berth.

Detroit Pistons

(37-45, third in Central)

Gradually but noticeably, the pieces have been falling into place for the Pistons, who in 1983-84 will be led into battle by a new head coach in Chuck Daly. A year ago, Detroit missed a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference by only a half dozen games, but with all they already have on hand and another fine draft harvest, the Pistons should be harder still to deny in the post-season playoff festivities.

Headlining Detroit's veteran front line contingent is 6-6 Kelly Tripucka (26.5), the NBA's third highest scorer in 1982-83 as a mere second-year pro. Tripucka last season tied a team record when he swished 20 free throws on his way to a 56-point explosion in a January 29 contest versus the Chicago Bulls. A tireless worker, Tripucka is fast carving out a niche for himself as one of the league's premier small forwards.

The most active of the other Piston forward vets a year ago was 6-7 Terry Tyler (12.1), who appeared in all 82 regular season games, but neither he nor Tripucka is a truly strong rebounder, which is the most glaring weakness of the team's inside game. The solution to that shortcoming, obviously, is a board pounding power forward.

Perfectly suited for that role is sophomore pro, 6-8 Cliff Levingston (5.6), last year's No. 1 Piston college draftee who was just starting to hit his stride as a rookie when a broken hand forced him to miss 15 games from late December through January. With a year's experience under his belt, though, Levingston should emerge as Detroit's enforcer at forward.

DETROIT PISTONS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
54	Kent Benson	F-C	6-10
32	Tico Brown	G	6-4
14	Tony Brown	F-G	6-6
35	Antoine Carr	F	6-9
15	Vinnie Johnson	G	6-2
34	Jim Johnstone	C-F	6-11
40	Bill Laimbeer	C	6-11
53	Cliff Levingston	F	6-8
25	John Long	G	6-5
44	Tom Owens	C	6-10
22	Ricky Pierce	G-F	6-5
33	Walker Russell	G	6-4
11	Isiah Thomas	G	6-1
24	Ray Tolbert	F	6-9
7	Kelly Tripucka	F	6-6
41	Terry Tyler	F	6-7
45	Ron Valentine	F	6-7

Other forward vets for the Motor City's NBA entry are 6-9 Ray Tolbert (5.0 in 73 overall games; 5.1 in 28 Piston games), and 6-11 center/forward Jim Johnstone (1.3 in 23 overall games; 1.5 in 16 contests with Detroit). With this thin bench corps at forward, it was hardly surprising the Pistons used the '83 college draft to tab 6-9 Antoine Carr, Detroit's first round pick and a former college teammate of Cliff Levingston's at Wichita State; 6-8 Steve Bouchie (Indiana), 6-9 Ken Austin (Rice), 6-7 Derek Perry (Michigan State), 6-7 Rob Gonzalez (Colorado), 6-9 forward/center George Wenzel (Augustana) and 6-7 Isaac Person (Michigan) while via the free agent route comes 6-6 forward/guard Tony Brown (Arkansas).

By far the most heralded of those forward newcomers is Carr, a 225-pound prototype power forward who carried averages of 22.6 points and 7.6 rebounds his final college year. In addition to his size and strength, Carr is also a good passer and defender with the quickness to stay with the transition game, but his outside shooting will need some work.

At center, the aptly nicknamed "Incredible Hulk" -- 6-11, 245-pound Bill Laimbeer -- has locked up the starting job for Detroit. Last season, Laimbeer scored at a 13.6 rate and was



Isiah Thomas
Detroit Pistons

the NBA's third best rebounder (12.1) while his 263 assists were second most among NBA centers to only Alvan Adams of Phoenix. Laimbeer was the only Piston to start all 82 regular season games a year ago and he's now started every Piston game (112) he's been in. His steady improvement has provided Detroit with the strongest pivot play it's enjoyed since the trade of Bob Lanier to Milwaukee. Backstopping Laimbeer in the middle are 6-10 Kent Benson (9.9 in only 21 games due to injuries) and 6-10 journeyman Tom Owens (4.2).

The glue that holds this Piston team together, as even the most remote of NBA fans can attest, is 6-1 blur Isiah Thomas, one of the great point guards -- nay, one of the greatest guards, **period** -- to come along in some time. A year ago, Thomas ranked among the NBA leaders in scoring (22.9), assists (7.8 per game) and steals (1.9) while appearing and starting in 81 of 82 regular season games.

An emerging pro star in his own right is Thomas' starting partner in the Piston back court, 6-2 Vinnie Johnson (15.8), the team's super-sub until winning a starting job late last season. In the way of veteran guards now available off the bench, first-year skipper Daly can call upon 6-5 John Long (10.5), a former 20 ppg scorer looking to rebound from an injury-riddled 1983-84 campaign; 6-4 Walker Russell (2.7) and 6-5 Ricky Pierce (2.2). New back line prospects culled in the '83 college draft are 6-4 Erich Santifer (Syracuse) and 6-2 Marlow McClain (Eastern Michigan), while a free agent signee also slated for a trial is 6-4 Tico Brown (Georgia Tech).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Via one impressive draft harvest after another, the Pistons are rapidly building back toward NBA respectability, but this is still a club with flaws. Nowhere is this more evident than at the forward positions, where in Tripucka and Tyler the Pistons have a good pair of scorers and defenders, but both are lacking in the board muscle department. Dual Wichita State draftees Livingston (1982) and Carr ('83) may ultimately be the solution at power forward, or at least that's the prevalent hope in the Motor City. In Isiah Thomas and Vinnie Johnson, the Pistons boast a fine starting guard combo, although Johnson could find himself back in a sixth man role if John Long is his old self again. After those three, however, there's a steep decline in the caliber of back line play. Each of the past two years, Detroit has finished third in the Central Division, which is where **GAMEPLAN** sees the Pistons winding up again in 1983-84. But we also anticipate an improved enough won-lost mark by Coach Daly's first edition of Pistons to make them a stronger than ever bidder for a wild card playoff slot.

Chicago Bulls

(28-54, 4th in Central)

The Bulls and General Manager Rod Thorn were a busy bunch during the off-season. First, Thorn and company lured the highly respected Kevin Loughery, late of the Atlanta Hawks, as their head coach. On the heels of that, the Windy City NBA entry then wheeled and dealt in the 1983 college draft until they had by dint of their own actual selection and trades with other clubs landed forward Sidney Green (Nevada-Las Vegas), smooth point guard Enis Whatley (Alabama), shooting guard Mitchell Wiggins (Florida State) and strong forward Chris McNealy (San Jose State).

All that's fine, of course, and should enable the Bulls of 1983-84 to expunge the memory of last year's 28-54 disaster, but still at the ever-so-vital pivot spot -- which has been a

CHICAGO BULLS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
7	Dudley Bradley	G	6-6
23	Mike Bratz	G	6-2
40	Dave Corzine	C	6-11
44	Quintin Dailey	G	6-3
34	David Greenwood	F	6-9½
22	Rod Higgins	F	6-7
11	Tracy Jackson	G	6-6
12	Ronnie Lester	G	6-2
33	Jawann Oldham	C	7-0
35	Larry Spriggs	F	6-6½
24	Reggie Theus	G	6-7
0	Orlando Woodridge	F	6-9



Two key men for Chicago's Bulls: standout forward Orlando Woolridge (above) and new coach Kevin Loughery (right).

Chicago headache since last year's ill-advised trade of Artis Gilmore -- the Bulls are still looking poorly. In name, at this writing, Chicago's center hopefuls are burly, but slow-footed veteran 6-11 Dave Corzine (14.0/8.7), one of only three Bulls to appear in all 82 regular season games last year, and reed-thin seven-footer Jawann Oldham (4.6/2.9 in just 16 contests). Rumor has it that the Bulls are still in hot pursuit of the LA Lakers' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, at present a free agent who would be as much a drawing card as a reliable center if Chicago could sign him. But that's a big IF.

In the '83 college draft, center prospects added -- although it should be pointed out all fall under the longshot heading -- were Boston College's 7-0 Ron Crevier, 6-10 Tim Andree (Notre Dame) and 6-11 Ray Orange (Oklahoma Christian). The only one with much chance at all of sticking is Crevier.

At the forward positions, Chicago's veteran aces are 6-9 Orlando Woolridge (16.5/5.2), 6-7 Rod Higgins (10.3/4.5) and 6-9 David Greenwood (10.0/9.7). For Greenwood, that was the lowest scoring average of his NBA career although his rebounding remained strong. Woolridge, if he can avoid the nagging injuries that bugged him last season, could be an all-star in the future, while Higgins, last year's second round Chicago draftee, is a tough defender who appeared in all 82 regular season games his rookie year. Rounding out the veteran forward contingent is 6-7 Larry Spriggs (2.3/1.0 in just nine games), who'll have a very difficult time hanging onto a roster spot with what the Bulls have added in the way of new forwards. Headlining the drafted corner men is Green, who played center in college but should adjust to a pro power forward with little difficulty. Green carried averages of 22.1 points and 11.9 rebounds his final college year. Then there's Chris

McNealy, for whom the Bulls traded Larry Micheaux to the Kansas City Kings, who originally made McNealy their second round pick. McNealy, a physical inside player who averaged 19.3 ppg and 9.4 rpg his senior year at San Jose State, also has a good outside shot. One other forward draftee is 6-7 Terry Bradley (Chicago State), an 8th round pick with slim hopes of making it. Green and McNealy, however, both have excellent chances of making the grade and their anticipated contributions should be of immediate up front help for the Bulls.

In the back court, the addition of Whatley and Wiggins has GM Thorn sporting an ear-to-ear grin since prior to the draft, Chicago admittedly had some problems and unanswered questions in this area. "WE needed help," Thorn explains, "Because one guy (Ronnie Lester) has an injury problem, one guy (Reggie Theus) is unhappy about his contract, and another guy (Quintin Dailey) has personal problems."

Whatley, widely regarded as the premier point man available in the '83 draft, is a playmaker deluxe while Wiggins' forte is scoring, which he did his last two college seasons for respective averages of 23.8 and 22.7 ppg. Three other drafted guards are 6-2 Ernest Patterson (New Mexico State), 6-2 Jacques Hill (Southern Cal) and 6-2 Tom Emma (Duke).

Foremost of the Chicago back line vets is Theus, team leader last season in scoring (23.8), assists (484), steals (143), free throw percentage (80.1) and minutes played (2,856). Now if only the Bulls can mollify Theus vis-a-vis his contract problems. The remainder of Chicago's NBA-tested guards are the 6-3 Dailey (15.1), whose life has become something of a soap opera with disastrous overtones; the 6-2 Lester (8.1332 assists); 6-6 Tracy Jackson (6.3), 6-6 Dudley Bradley (3.5) and 6-2 Mike Bratz (2.6). Bradley and Bratz are both free agents at this writing, though, so stay tuned on what transpires in their cases.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The addition of Kevin Loughery, one of the game's most respected skippers, plus that of Green, Whatley and Wiggins certainly brightens Chicago's 1983-84 prospects. But still, the Bulls are a team without a dominant center and as anyone can tell you, teams don't win consistently in the NBA without a first-rate pivot man. Add to that star

guard Theus' contract disgruntlement, Lester's perennial injury problems and Dailey's turbulent lifestyle, and what you have is a Chicago team that has too many question marks to be considered a serious Central Division contender. Granted, the Bulls could better last year's poor record but again this season, Chicago looks destined to run fourth in their division behind Milwaukee, Atlanta and Detroit.

Cleveland Cavaliers

(23-59, 4th in Central)

Rationality may be coming to the Cavaliers with the Gund brothers, Gordon and George, buying the club from willy-nilly former owner Ted Stepien. "We'll take constructive steps to keep the Cavs in the Cleveland area," says George Gund, squelching rumors the club would be moving to Toronto. "We are going to turn this franchise around." Good luck, guy!

Cleveland's main scoring threat, as he's been in just about every NBA town where he's hung up his hat, is 6-2 World B. Free, who last season had an overall 23.9 scoring average and a 24.2 norm in 54 Cavalier games. Free has never been shy about putting the ball up from here, there . . . or anywhere.

Foremost of Cleveland's other guard vets are 6-2 Geoff Huston (12.2/team high 487 assists) and 5-11 second-year pro John Bagley (5.7). Sure to fit in somewhere on the Cavalier back line is the second of the team's two first round '83 college draftees, Villanova's 6-3 point guard Stewart Granger. He could be the final answer to Cleveland's long running quest for a playmaker to orchestrate its offense, and Granger just might move right in at the point in his first pro season. Three other '83 draftees with chances of surviving, although all must convert from college forward to NBA guards, are 6-6 Paul Thompson (Tulane), 6-6 Larry Anderson (Nevada-Las Vegas) and 6-5 Derrick Hord (Kentucky).

Cleveland's very first pick in this year's college talent grab bag went for 6-9 Roy Hinson (Rutgers), an intimidating defender but low-profile offensive threat expected to move

Cliff Robinson (left) is the main man off the boards for Cleveland's Cavaliers, while guard Geoff Huston (right) led the team in assists with 487.



CLEVELAND CAVALIERS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
5	John Bagley	G	6-0
44	Jeff Cook	F-C	6-10
23	Bruce Flowers	F	6-9
21	World B. Free	G	6-3
41	Steve Hayes	C	7-0
35	Phil Hubbard	F	6-8
20	Geoff Huston	G	6-2
52	Sam Lacey	C	6-10
24	Carl Nicks	G	6-3
11	Cliff Robinson	F	6-9
8	Lonnie Shelton	F	6-8
13	James Silas	G	6-3
25	Darren Tillis	F	6-11
31	Richard Washington	F	6-11
33	Bobby Wilkerson	G	6-7

right in as the Cavs starting center. Backstopping him in the middle are three borderline pro vets, Sam Lacey (4.2), Jeff Cook (5.0) and seven-footer Paul Mokeski (5.5), while a second '83 draftee Cleveland will give a good look at in the middle is 6-11 Les Craft (Kansas State).

The Cavs also feel they've strengthened themselves at forward via the trade acquisition of burly ex-Seattle Supersonics Lonnie Shelton and 1983 college draftee John Garriss (Boston College). Shelton averaged 12.4 points and hauled down 495 rebounds for last year's Sonics while the muscular Garriss carried norms of 19.7 ppg and 7.8 rpg his final college season. Both should be of immediate inside value to the Cavaliers.

Still Cleveland's top forward, though, is 6-9 Cliff Robinson (18.0/11.1), last year's sixth best NBA rebounder. Other corner men with pro exposure are 6-9 Phil Hubbard (9.5), 6-7 swing man Bobby Wilkerson (6.7), 6-7 Larry Kenon (5.0) and 6-9 bruiser John Flowers (4.8). At best, however, Hubbard, Wilkerson and Kenon can all be classified as journeymen vets and if the Cavs are serious about rebuilding, they have to start planning more for the future.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Under new ownership, but still retaining the same head coach in Tom Nissalke, the Cavs hope to make some major breakthroughs in 1983-84. Of their inside game, Cleveland's top hand is power forward Robinson but otherwise, newcomers like Shelton, Hinson and Garriss will have to produce right away for this area to be competent. That's a mighty tall order. Out front, ol' shoot-'em-up World B. Free will do exactly that so outside scoring punch should be no problem. Nor should the point guard spot if rookie Granger, a ballhandler who can make things happen, fits right in in his first year of NBA combat. It's a good thing, though, that the Cavaliers are members of the Central Division which has two other representatives -- Chicago and Indiana -- with about as many problems as Cleveland. GAMEPLAN looks for those three to again this season fight it out to avoid the division basement.

Indiana Pacers

(20-62, 5th in Central)

Only the gosh-awful Houston Rockets (14-68) finished with a worse record among NBA teams last season than the Pacers. So, you just know Coach Jack McKinney, granted a contract extension despite his team's 1982-83 failure, has that old back-against-the-wall feeling as the coming NBA season draws near.

Up front, Indiana's mainstay and one of the game's premier young power forwards Clark Kellogg, leads the way. Last season as a rookie, the rugged 6-7 Kellogg stuffed the hoop for 20.1 ppg and cleared an average of 10.6 boards while logging the most playing time (2,761 minutes) among the Pacers. There were more than a few experts who felt Kellogg, and not San Diego's Terry Cummings, should have earned last season's "Rookie of the Year" award.

The makeup of Indiana's inside crew could undergo change this season, with 1982-83 pivot regular Herb Williams expected to swing to the other forward spot. A year ago, Williams had averages of 16.9 points and 7.5 boards while rejecting 171

shots to rank eighth in the NBA in the latter category.

Moving in at the center spot is 1983 first round college draftee, 6-11 Steve Stipanovich (Missouri), a rugged 250-pounder who had norms of 18.4 points and 8.8 rebounds his final year at Mizzou. "Stipo" showed great improvement in the late stages of his college career which enhanced his attractiveness, but there are some who maintain he lacks the foot quickness for the NBA. Only time will tell in that score.

With Kellogg, Williams and Stipanovich projected as Indiana's regular front line, that leaves in the way of veteran backups in this area 6-7 George Johnson (11.6/6.6), 6-10 Russ Schoene (6.2/3.3), 6-10 Brad Branson (5.5/2.8) and 6-7 Marty Byrnes (4.9/2.3). Branson, however, is a free agent at this writing.

In addition to No. 1 choice Stipanovich, other 1983 drafted front line prospects are 6-8 Leroy Combs (Oklahoma State), 6-7 Terry Fair (Georgia), 6-9 Roger Stieg (Mississippi), 6-7 Cliff Pruitt (Alabama-Birmingham), 6-5 Lynn Mitchem (Butler) and 6-9 Mark Smed (Augustana, S.D.). Combs, OSU's leading scorer and rebounder last year, draws the following appraisal from Pacer assistant coach George Irvine: "A very athletic player who is very quick. He has a great first step. He needs to work in his outside shooting . . . Could become a very good defender. Also has the ability to excel in a fast paced game."

Ten years into his professional career but still the backbone of the Pacer guard contingent is 6-6 Billy Knight (17.1), who shot a team high .520 from the floor last season. Knight is in fact a career 50 percent field goal shooter who also has the ability to swing to a small forward position in a pinch.

The remainder of Indiana's veteran guard crew consists of 6-5 Butch Carter (10.5), 6-2 Jerry Sichting (9.3), 6-3 John Duren (4.5) and 6-5 Jose Slaughter (3.6). Sichting, who had a team high 433 assists last season, and Carter are both free agents at this point and the Pacers especially cannot afford to lose Carter, who is coming off his best pro year. Duren was one of only two Pacers (forward George Johnson is the other) who appeared in all 82 regular season games during the 1982-83 campaign.

In the '83 draft, guards culled by the Pacers were 6-0 Sidney Lowe (North Carolina State), 6-3 Jim Thomas (Indiana), 6-1 Greg Jones (West Virginia), 6-2 Tony Brown (Indiana) and diminutive 5-9 Ray McCallum (Ball State). Lowe, of course, was the quarterback for last year's NC State national championship team and for his career, he handed out a Wolfpack record 762 assists. Indiana's Thomas is a versatile, well-schooled player out of the Bobby Knight stable who was also drafted by the two professional football leagues, the NFL (Green Bay Packers) and USFL (Boston Breakers). Jones from West Virginia was among the most highly regarded guard prospects until he played poorly in a post-season all-star tournament in Chicago, but Pacer Coach Jack McKinney says of him: "He may be the steal of the draft. We were pleasantly surprised when Greg was around in the third round."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Pacers have fallen on some lean times of late but things could be looking up. In Kellogg and Herb Williams, Indiana has two of the league's better young frontliners, and with No. 1 draft pick Stipanovich added, it just makes this area that much more encouraging. At guard, too, the Pacers have solid vets in Carter and Sichting, provided of course both those free agents come to terms with Indiana, and the addition of playmaking ace Lowe and hard-working Jim Thomas deepens back line reserve strength. An overview of this club would show that it's capable of fielding a solid, competent starting lineup, but as we all know, a strong first

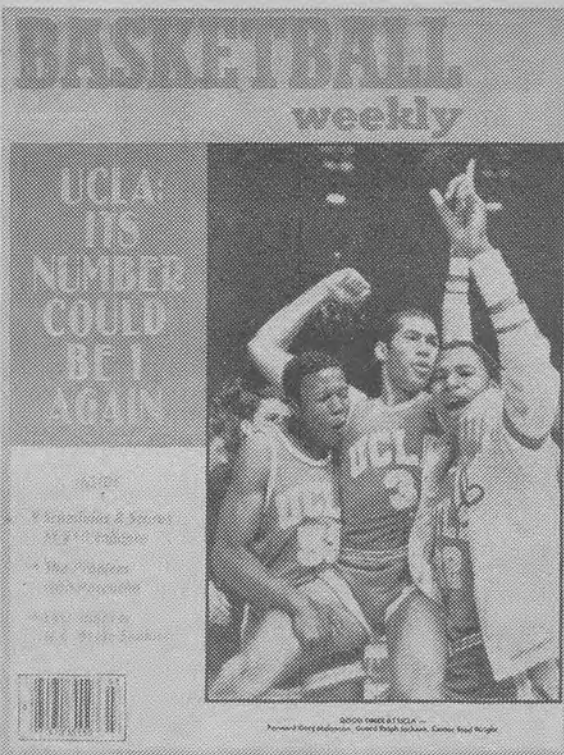
INDIANA PACERS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
52	Brad Benson	F	6-10
11	Marty Byrnes	F	6-7
12	Butch Carter	G	6-5
44	John Duren	G	6-3
24	George Johnson	F	6-7
33	Clark Kellogg	F	6-7
25	Billy Knight	G-F	6-6
3	Russ Schoene	F	6-10
14	Jerry Sichting	G	6-1½
21	Jose Slaughter	G	6-5
32	Herb Williams	C	6-11

five is not all it takes to win at the NBA level. Bench strength is what this team most lacks, and while their latest draft haul may deepen the Pacers in the way of reserve support, Indiana still won't be able to go too deep without running into problems. A year ago, the Pacers were just nosed out for the Central Division's fourth spot by the Cleveland Cavs, and we look for those two teams to slug it out again in 1983-84 to avoid the division basement.



Ten-year vet Billy Knight (top) paces the Indiana back court crew, with Herb Williams (bottom), Clark Kellogg and draftee Steve Stipanovich expected to make up the front line gang in '83-'84.



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The earth quakes when giants like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers (left) and Artis Gilmore of the San Antonio Spurs (right) do battle under the boards.

Midwest Division

San Antonio Spurs

(53-29, 1st in Midwest)

Although the charisma that is Stan Albreck was lost when the New Jersey Nets lured him away from the Spurs, new San Antonio top kick Morris McHone has a team full well capable of ending the LA Lakers recent domination of the Western Conference. Five times in the seven years since joining the NBA after the folding of the old ABA, the Spurs have won division titles and again in 1983-84, San Antonio is the thinking man's choice in the Midwest.

Up front, the Spurs are led by seven-footer Artis Gilmore, one of the league's most consistent pivot men over the years, and 6-7 forward Mike Mitchell. A year ago, Gilmore bucketed 18.0 ppg on the strength of brilliant 62.6 percent field goal shooting, tops in the NBA, while also finishing among the league leaders in rebounding (12.0) and blocked shots (192).

Forward Mitchell was runnerup to Gilmore in rebounding (537 total) and second to guard George Gervin in scoring (19.9). Starting at the corner opposite Mitchell is 6-8 Gene Banks (14.9), who appeared and started in 81 regular season games a year ago. Banks, in his third pro season, and Mitchell give the Spurs a solid forward tandem and with Gilmore in the middle, San Antonio's starting front line is as good as anyone's in the league.

Depth-wise, San Antonio's veteran inside cupboard contains 6-10 ex-Detroit Piston Edgar Jones (8.8/108 blocked shots); 6-11 aircraft carrier Billy Paultz (3.6), 6-9 Paul Griffin (3.3) and 6-7 Ed Rains (2.8). Added with a second round pick in the '83 college draft was 6-10 Darrell Lockhart (Auburn), a good shooter and adequate rebounder who could be a pleasant surprise for the Spurs at power forward. Neither Mitchell nor Banks truly qualifies for that role, both being the small forward types. Lockhart, a 225-pounder, could change that to San Antonio's benefit.

The Spurs first round draft choice went for 6-2 John Paxson out of Notre Dame, younger brother of Portland Trail Blazer Jim Paxson. The younger Paxson is a superb shooter, slick ball handler and nose-up defender. Paxson may not start in the back court where "Iceman" Gervin and ace playmaker Johnny Moore are the regulars, but he'll deepen the bench quality in this area.

The 6-8 Gervin, who has forsaken his shoot-'em-up ways for more of a team play concept, still tossed in 26.2 ppg last season, the NBA's fourth highest average, while logging more playing time (2,830 minutes) than any other Spur. Starting back court sidekick Moore scored at a 12.2 rate and finished second league-wide in assists with 753 a year ago. Off the bench at guard, the Spurs have veteran Mike Dunleavy (7.0), the NBA's leading three-point field goal shooter (67-194) last season and rangy 6-7 Roger Phegley (3.6).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With Mo McHone, top assistant under the departed Stan Albreck, taking command, there should be no adjustment problems for the Spurs. And again in

SAN ANTONIO SPURS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
20	Gene Banks	F	6-8
45	Dave Batton	C	6-10
10	Mike Dunleavy	G	6-3
44	George Gervin	G	6-8
53	Artis Gilmore	C	7-2
42	Edgar Jones	F	6-10
34	Mike Mitchell	F	6-7
00	Johnny Moore	G	6-3
5	Billy Paultz	C	6-11
21	Roger Phegley	G	6-7
15	Ed Rains	F	6-7
1	Oliver Robinson	G	6-4
35	Mike Sanders	F	6-6
9	Robert Smith	G	5-11

1983-84, they loom as the odds-on favorite in the Midwest Division race. Up front, San Antonio's starting threesome of Gilmore, Mitchell and Banks is solid while bench support here has been bolstered by the drafting of Lockhart. In the back court, the Spurs' starting duo of Gervin and Moore is excellent and with John Paxson joining a reserve guard cast already numbering long-range dead-eye Dunleavy, San Antonio will only be that much better off. Barring the quite unexpected, the Spurs should annex another Midwest Division crown in 1983-84, and maybe -- just maybe! -- this will be the year San Antonio rules the entire Western Conference and goes to the championship playoffs.

Denver Nuggets

(45-37, 2nd in Midwest)

Oh, my, does the scoreboard hum when the Nuggets play NBA opponents -- any NBA opponent! A year ago, Coach Doug Moe's Denver point-making machine led the league in offense (123.2) while also finishing dead last in scoring prevention (122.6 ppg allowed), the second year running the Nuggets had that somewhat dubious distinction.

Last season also marked the second year running the Nuggets had three 20-plus ppg scorers on their roster -- Alex English, Kiki Vandeweghe and Dan Issel. The 6-7 English, in fact, was the 1983-84 NBA scoring champion, tossing in 28.4 per outing while right behind him on the league point-making scrolls was 6-8 starting forward partner Vandeweghe (26.7). That marked only the second time in NBA history players from the same team finished 1-2 in league scoring.

Veteran pivot man Issel (21.6) was Denver's third 20-plus scorer the past two seasons and this durable warhorse just seems to keep churning along like Ol' Man River. Backstopping Issel in the middle as well as supplying forward relief when needed is 6-11 Dan Schayes (11.1), a virtual "steal" for the Nuggets in a 1982-83 deal with the Utah Jazz. Schayes gives Denver some badly needed size and muscle inside. Other NBA tested front line vets in reserve are 6-11 Dave Robisch (4.7), 6-7 Glen Gondrezick (4.6) and 6-9 James Ray (3.8).

Inside help acquired in the '83 college draft seems best vested in the 6-7 duo of David Russell (St. John's) and David Little (Oklahoma). Russell draws the following high praise from Marty Blake, the NBA's director of scouting: "Russell has great leaping ability and is very potent around the hoop. He's great in the transition game. He gets up and down the court as well as anyone." Fellow forward draftee Little is not that quick but his deadly outside shooting and deft passing could earn him a roster spot his rookie year with the Nuggets.

Denver's first round pick in the '83 college draft was used to add 6-5 big guard Howard "Hi-C" Carter via Louisiana State, while two other drafted guards with shots at hacking it are 6-5 swing man York Gross (Cal-Santa Barbara) and North Carolina playmaking ace Jimmy Braddock. Carter, whom Nugget skipper Moe says can "flat out shoot the ball," couldn't be happier about his selection by Denver. "It'll be a great city to play in," comments Carter. "One of the reasons I wanted to go with the Nuggets is their offense, which is run-and-run." Boy, you got that right, Hi-C!

Carter should further deepen and strengthen a Nugget guard contingent already numbering in the way of veterans 6-1 Billy McKinney (9.8), 6-4 do-it-all vet T.R. Dunn (7.0), 6-2 Rob Williams (7.0/team high 361 assists) and lanky 6-7 swing man Bill Hanzlik (6.1). Dunn ripped down an amazing 615 rebounds last season, more than any other Nugget who played the brunt of the year with the team, and T.R. also recorded 147 steals. Denver does not have a superstar, per se, in their back court since last year's trade of David Thompson, but the current guard cast is solid, experienced and stands to benefit further from the arrival of No. 1 draftee Carter.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Scoring is seldom a problem for the Nuggets, who'll be shooting for their third straight NBA point-making title in 1983-84. Nowhere in pro ball are you liable to find a better offensive front line than Denver's starting trio

of English, Vandeweghe and Isel. Also, the trade acquisition of versatile young Schayes is another big plus in this area. None of those four, however, can be classified as a Moses Malone or Artis Gilmore type rebounder. First round college draft pick "H-C" Carter should fit right in with a sound if underrated Nugget back court, while Denver's 2-3 choices (forwards Russell and Little) have legitimate shots at also sticking. Last year's Nuggets forged a second place Midwest Division finish and went playoff-ing, which could be their destiny again in 1983-84. But until such time as this team shows it better understands the meaning of defense and comes up with some true rebounding muscle, Denver doesn't project as a genuine threat to San Antonio's dominance in the Midwest.

DENVER NUGGETS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
23	T.R. Dunn	G	6-4
2	Alex English	F	6-7
5	Mike Evans	G	6-1
22	Glen Gondrezick	F	6-6
24	Bill Hanzlik	G	6-7
44	Dan Isel	C	6-9
7	Billy McKinney	G	6-0
43	James Ray	F	6-9
25	Dave Robisch	C	6-10
34	Danny Schayes	C	6-11
55	Kiki Vandeweghe	F	6-8
21	Rob Williams	G	6-2

Kansas City Kings

(45-37, 3rd in Midwest)

Despite a winning record, the Kings got nosed out of playoff action a year ago, and the KC front office is determined that won't happen again in 1983-84. Lack of a powerful inside game was KC's biggest shortcoming last season, but a pair of draft time 1983 trades hopefully has solved that dilemma.

In those deals, both with the Central Division's Chicago Bulls, the Kings shipped their 1-2 picks in the draft - guard Ellis Whitley (Alabama) and forward Chris McNeely (San Jose State) - to the Windy City in exchange for veteran power forward Mark Olberding and Chicago's second round '83 draft choice Houston forward Larry Micheaux. "I think it's important for us to win sooner than later," commented KC general manager Joe Axelson at the time, "which is why we wanted the experience of Olberding. Micheaux is a hard-working hard-nosed player like Olberding. This may serve to change the style of our team to a more aggressive one."

Last year with the Bulls, while appearing in 80 regular season games and starting 31, Olberding posted averages of 8.7 points and 4.4 rebounds and his rugged play along the base line is sure to get him lots of playing time in KC. Rookie Micheaux, perhaps the most overlooked of Houston's Phi Jama Slama bunch, is a sturdy 230-pounder who already has pro offensive ability but needs to work on his defense.

KC's starting forwards the brunt of last season were 6-7 Eddie Johnson (19.8/501 boards) and 6-10 forward/center Joe C. Meriweather (7.9/424 caroms) while rounding out the veteran corner man contingent are 6-6 swing man Kevin Loder (5.1), 6-6 Reggie King (4.8) and 6-8 Ed Neely (4.4). Olberding and

KANSAS CITY KINGS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
9	Ken Dennard	F	6-8
22	Larry Drew	G	6-2
8	Eddie Johnson	F	6-7
33	Steve Johnson	C	6-10
51	Reggie King	F	6-6
30	Kevin Loder	G	6-6
50	Joe C. Meriweather	C	6-10
20	Eddie Neely	F	6-7
53	Mark Olberding	F	6-9
14	Brook Steppe	G	6-5
41	La Salle Thompson	C	6-10
25	Ray Williams	G	6-2
42	Mike Woodson	G	6-5

Micheaux are bound to help in this area because of their physical play.

At the pivot, the Kings are still waiting for the full-blown arrival of 6-10 Steve Johnson (11.3/4.0). Johnson is a great inside shooter (NBA second highest 62.4 field goal percentage last season) who still gets in foul trouble too easily as a year ago he got socked with 323 personals and fouled out of nine games. Backstopping Johnson in the middle while also filling in at power forward in a pinch is 6-10 LaSalle Thompson (5.4/5.0), last year's first round KC college draftee.

Running the Kings' offensive show is 6-2 point guard Larry Drew, last year's team scoring leader (20.1) and the third rated assist man (610, 8.1 per game) in the league. As Drew goes, so, too, do the Kings, so it's imperative he avoid injuries. Drew is a free agent at this writing but if you read KC's trading of drafted point guard Whitley correctly, it appears the Kings are confident Drew will re-up with the club.

Starting at the opposite guard is 6-2 ex-NY Knick all-star Ray Williams (15.4), who too often runs red hot or ice cold, while veteran backcourtters in reserve are 6-5 Mike Woodson (18.2) and 6-5 Brook Steppe (4.0). Woodson is also an unsigned free agent so it was probably as a hedge against his possible departure that the Kings used the '83 college draft to add 6-6 Steve Harriel (Washington State), 6-3 Mike Jackson (Wyoming), 6-3 Lorenza Andrews (Oklahoma State) and 6-2 Dane Suttle (Pepperdine). Jackson, noted as a slick ballhandler and passer but said to be only an average shooter, could stick as a backup to point man Drew.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Cotton Fitzsimmons saw his club barely miss the playoffs last season, but the addition via trade of Olberding and Micheaux, both power types, has Fitz commenting: "We're heading in the right direction." Those two should add the muscle needed at forward where top vet Eddie Johnson is more of a finesse type. At center, Steve Johnson's progress is the key for the Kings, who also hope first round '82 college draft pick Thompson will be more of a factor in the middle this season. Best of the NBA-tested KC backcourtters are super point man Drew, fellow regular Ray Williams and Mike Woodson, "Mr. Instant Offense" off the bench. It's vital, however, that KC re-sign both Drew and Woodson or guard play will suffer badly. Look for the 1983-84 Kings to log another winning record while challenging for a playoff berth, but it's unlikely KC or any other Midwest Division member will dislodge San Antonio at the top.

Dallas Mavericks

(38-44, 4th in Midwest)

Few expansion teams in any professional sport have developed as quickly as these Mavericks, who rose to fourth in the Mideast Division last year just a half dozen games short of a winning record. Much of the credit for that has to go to venerable head coach Dick Motta, the Mavs' skipper since day one, who has molded this into one of the better executing teams in the league.

Nowhere is Dallas stronger than at the forward spots, manned on a starting basis by 6-6 Mark Aguirre and 6-7 Jay Vincent. A year ago, only his second as a pro, Aguirre fired in 24.4 ppg to rank sixth on the NBA scoring chart while his 508 total rebounds were the third most among the Mavericks. Aguirre is a bullish young standout who falls somewhere between a small and power forward.

Starting sidekick Vincent (18.7/592 rebs) is very much on the youngish side also, as is top forward backup 6-9 Bill Garnett (6.3), last year's first round Maverick college draftee. Garnett appeared in 75 regular season games with 13 starts his rookie season. Other vets on hand at forward are 6-9 Pat Cummings (12.5), who can also swing to center; 6-5 guard/small forward Elston Turner (3.8) and 6-8 Cory Thompson (2.8).

Forward help added via this year's college draft is headlined by the first of the Mavs' two first round picks, 6-6 Dale Ellis (Tennessee), while three others with outside shots at sticking on are 6-9 Johnny Martin (Northwestern Louisiana State), 6-7 Terrell Schlundt (Marquette) and 6-6 swing man Bill Sadler (Pepperdine). Ellis is a solid 200-pounder best noted for his scoring prowess.

At the pivot spot, the Mavs have . . . the Mavs need help. Forward/center Cummings and 6-11 Kurt Nimphius (5.3/404



Mark Aguirre
Dallas Mavericks

boards) just haven't gotten the job done in the middle, so in the '83 draft Dallas took flyers on 6-10 Mark West (Old Dominion) and 6-10 Jim Lampley (Arkansas-Little Rock). West is a superb shot blocker who should be of immediate defensive value to the Mavs at center, but his offensive skills need much refinement. The Mavericks most need a big scorer at the pivot spot, and neither vets Cummings and Nimphius nor draftees West and Lampley are best noted for that particular talent.

The Mavs boast a finely balanced starting guard duo in 6-6 Rolando Blackman (17.7), who can score from deep or take smaller opponents inside, along with 6-3 Brad Davis (11.6/565 assists). A slick playmaker in his own right is 6-2 Kelvin Ransey (11.1/280 feeds), the Mavs' top guard reserve, while also offering veteran back line support is 6-5 Jim Spanarkel (5.7).

With the second of their first round '83 college draft choices, the Mavs went for 6-4 Derek Harper (Illinois), about whom Coach Motta enthuses: "Picking him was a very easy decision. We really wanted Harper. He can pass, play defense and shoot the ball well." The question is how much playing time Harper will see with Davis and Ransey ahead of him at point guard. But as Motta points out, "We're stockpiling good talent. Good bench talent. 'You can't have too much of it.'"

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Busily building, that's what

DALLAS MAVERICKS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
24	Mark Aguirre	F	6-6
22	Rolando Blackman	G	6-6
42	Pat Cummings	C-F	6-9½
15	Brad Davis	G	6-3
20	Bill Garnett	F	6-9
40	Kurt Nimphius	C	6-11
14	Kelvin Ransey	G	6-2
34	Jim Spanarkel	G	6-5
25	Corny Thompson	F	6-8
33	Elston Turner	G	6-5
31	Jay Vincent	F	6-7

they're doing down Dallas way, where each season Dick Motta seems to lead forth a stronger Maverick team. Draft after draft, the Mavs have added quality talent and depth at all positions save the pivot spot, where had Dallas a Moses Malone or Ralph Sampson this might be an NBA title contending team. Forwards Aguirre, Vincent and Garnett along with 1983 first round pick Ellis give Dallas some of the NBA's premier young talent in this area. And in the Maverick back court, the arrival of first rounder Harper just brightens an already encouraging situation. Had they a legitimate pro center, the 1983-84 Mavericks could go a long way, but since they don't appear to have such a critter, put down Dallas at best as a contender for a playoff berth.

HOUSTON ROCKETS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
2	James Bailey	F	6-9
22	Joe Bryant	F	6-9
44	Elvin Hayes	F	6-9
6	Tom Henderson	G	6-3
27	Caldwell Jones	G	7-0
11	Major Jones	F	6-9
30	Allen Leavell	G	6-2
23	Calvin Murphy	G	5-10
52	Chuck Nevitt	C	7-5
13	Jeff Taylor	G	6-4
20	Terry Teagle	G	6-5
42	Wally Walker	F	6-8

Houston Rockets

(14-68, 5th in Midwest)

He's arrived! No, not Bill Fitch, although he will take command of the Rockets this season after leaving the Boston Celtics as skipper. And no, we don't mean burly Louisville All-American Rodney McCray, the third player taken in the '83 college draft, either. He is Ralph "Stick" Sampson, all 7-4 and three-time college basketball "player of the year" of him, and Stick's arrival alone should make life far more enjoyable for Rocket fans.

Sampson, the preeminent big man to come into the NBA since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Moses Malone, should start from day one at center for Houston. Sampson carried averages of 19.0 points and 11.7 rebounds his final year, but mere stats do not tell the full story of this young man's greatness. The nice thing, too, is that Stick has handled all the pressure like the true gentlemen he is, and he should brighten the pro basketball scene both on and off the floor.

Sampson will get help when needed in the pivot from 6-10 Caldwell Jones (9.5/team high 668 rebounds), who is most naturally suited for forward play. Veteran corner men in addition to Jones are 6-9 James Bailey (13.3), 6-9 Elvin Hayes (12.9), 6-9 Joe Bryant (10.0) and 6-9 Major Jones (5.7). In addition to first round draftee McCray, another complete ball player who reminds many in both style and physical build of former Louisville and NBA great Wesley Unseld, other '83 draftees with chances of making the final cutdown are 6-8 Darrell Browder (Texas Christian) and 6-7 Jim Stack (Northwestern).

Last year's leading Rocket scorer, but with a lackluster 14.8 average, was 6-1 point guard Allen Leavell, who also handed out 530 assists and made 165 steals, also club high figures. Rounding out the veteran back court contingent, and it's not a deep crew, are 6-6 Terry Teagle (10.4), Houston's first round pick in last year's college draft; 5-10 warhorse Calvin Murphy (12.8), who won the NBA 1982-83 free throw percentage (92.0) championship; 6-3 Tom Henderson (5.1) and 6-3 Jeff Taylor (3.6).

The Rockets drafted three guards who may have NBA futures in lanky 6-6 Craig Ehlo (Washington State), 6-4 Chuck Barnett (Oklahoma) and 6-4 Brian Kellerman (Idaho). Ehlo, Houston's next pick after Sampson and McCray, is a tough defending, good ballhandling big guard whose stock soared late in his college career. Look for him to survive final cutdown.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The city of Houston rejoiced earlier this year when the Rockets won a coin flip with the Cleveland Cavaliers and with it, the right to use the first choice in the '83 college draft for "Stick" Sampson. Two picks later,

Houston was also able to land classic power forward Rodney McCray and right there, the Rockets turned the future of their front line from the proverbial sow's ear into a silk purse. The "Stick" and Rodney should start right away and with what Houston had in the way of veterans in this area already, the Rockets inside play should be much improved this season. Admittedly, there's still something to be desired in the Houston back court once you get past stellar all-around performer Leavell, veteran marksman Murphy and young leaper Teagle, so depth at guard has to be a concern for first-year Houston mentor Bill Fitch. Gone are the days in pro basketball when one player -- even one named "Stick" Sampson -- can immediately turn around a team's fortunes. But with the "Stick" leading the way in 1983-84, there's a very good chance the Rockets will be moving up the Midwest Division ladder.

Utah Jazz

(30-52, 5th in Midwest)

Wheel spinning, that's what they've been doing too much of in Utah, just as the club did during its New Orleans days. In essence, this has become a virtual two-man team -- forward Adrian Dantley and guard Darrell Griffith -- so that when one or the other isn't available (such as last year, when the injured Dantley sat out the final 60 regular season games), the Jazz come apart. It is, indeed, not a healthy situation.

Dantley was cooking along at a 30.7 ppg rate through the first 22 games of the 1982-83 campaign before getting hurt, and while he's had plenty of time to mend, Dantley remember has been banging around the pro hardwood world for a while now. No new kid on the NBA block, either, is his projected starting forward partner, ex-Atlanta Hawk John Drew (21.2 in just 44 regular season games).

Foremost of the veteran backup forwards are 6-9 Ben Poquette (11.0) and 6-7 Mitchell Anderson (8.9), while in this year's college draft, added were 6-11 Thurl Bailey off the North Carolina State NCAA championship team; 6-9 Doug Arnold (Texas Christian) and 6-8 Fred Gilliam (Clemson). Some have questioned Bailey's ability to hack it as an NBA power forward since he's a rather spindly 215-pounder, but Jazz head coach/general manager Frank Layden emphatically believes otherwise. "Bailey's a power forward, pure and simple," Layden states. "And that's where he'll play for Utah."

At the pivot, the Jazz have three somewhat erstwhile veteran candidates in 7-0 free agent Rich Kelley (5.7), 6-11 Jeff Wilkins (11.5) and towering 7-4 Mark Eaton (4.3/275 blocked shots to rank third in the NBA). Each of the three has both his own individual strengths and weak points, but in total one has to again put down a very large (?) at the center position for Utah.

UTAH JAZZ 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
11	Mitchell "J.J." Anderson	F	6-7
4	Adrian Dantley	F	6-5
22	John Drew	F	6-6
53	Mark Eaton	C	7-4
31	Jerry Eaves	G	6-3
14	Rickey Green	G	6-0
35	Darrell Griffith	G	6-4
44	Rich Kelley	C	7-0
18	Kenny Natt	G	6-3
50	Ben Poquette	F	6-9
45	Jeff Wilkins	F-C	6-10
25	Rickey Williams	G	6-2

And without a reliable post man, your chances for a winning record in this man's league are slim and forget it!

The headliner in Utah's back court is lithe Darrell Griffith, who scored at a 22.2 clip last season while appearing in 77 games of which "Dr. Dunkenstein" started 76. His regular guard partner is six-footer Rickey Green (14.3), who finished among the NBA leaders in both assists (697 at 8.9 per game) and steals (78) last season.

In the way of experienced back court help, there's 6-3 Jerry Eaves (9.3), Griffith's old college teammate at Louisville, and 6-2 Kenny Natt (3.9), although Natt is presently an unsigned free agent. Chief among the guard prospects acquired in the '83 college draft are 6-5 Bob Hansen (Iowa) and 6-3 Matt Clark (Oklahoma State). "The Iowa Hawkeyes played a tough man-to-man defense and pressed all over the floor," points out Jazz skipper/GM Layden. "That should help Hansen when he gets to the pros. He's a hard-nosed guy."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: All indicators point to another L-O-N-G, losing season for Jazz fans and it's possible this team's days may be running out in Utah. Forward Dantley and guard Griffith are the Jazz' chief forces, and both can bang in 20-plus ppg without a blink of the eye. Also, playmaker Green is a dandy while shot-rejecting young pivot Eaton appears headed for a solid NBA future. Also, count on help from draftees Bailey and Hansen, both of whom look to have excellent shots at sticking with Bailey a potential starter at power forward if he muscles up some. But in overview, there's more bad than good on this club and again in 1983-84, Utah seems pre-ordained for another finish deep in the Midwest Division, where only the gosh-awful Houston Rockets finished worse than the Jazz last season. And don't forget, this year the Rockets will have "Stick" Sampson!

Pacific Division

Los Angeles Lakers

(58-24, 1st in Pacific)

There are no more cries of "Break up the Lakers!", not since LA got mauled four games to none in last year's NBA championship series by the unstoppable Philadelphia 76er express. Basically, this will be the same club Coach Pat Riley will lead into the 1983-84 season, provided the Lakers can come to contract terms with pivot stalwart Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

A year ago, the marvelous Kareem finished among the NBA leaders in scoring (21.8), field goal percentage (58.8) and blocked shots (170 at 2.15 per game). The thinness on top of Jabbar's scalp will tell you that he's no longer the young 'un once known as Lew Alcindor, but Kareem is still among the game's most reliable centers and the Lakers can ill afford to lose his services. Losing him would be, in a word, devastating to LA's front line where depth -- especially at the pivot -- is anything but a team long suit.

Starting at the forwards for the Lakers again will be 6-6 Jamaal Wilkes (19.6) and 6-8 rumbler Kurt Rambis (7.5), while their chief backups will be 6-9 James Worthy (13.4) and 6-10 warhorse Bob McAdoo (15.0). Worthy's loss due to injury was a telling blow to the Lakers during last year's playoffs, which

just might have turned out differently had he been available. In the very near future, Worthy should fight his way into LA's starting lineup.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
33	Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	C	7-2
21	Michael Cooper	G-F	6-7
34	Clay Johnson	G	6-4
32	Earvin Johnson	G	6-9
13	Dwight Jones	C-F	6-10
5	Eddie Jordan	G	6-1
25	Mitch Kupchak	F	6-10
54	Mark Landsberger	F	6-8
11	Bob McAdoo	C-F	6-10
40	Mike McGee	G	6-5
50	Steve Mix	F	6-8
10	Norm Nixon	G	6-2
31	Kurt Rambis	F	6-8
52	Jamaal Wilkes	F	6-6
42	James Worthy	F	6-9

The only new frontliner given a ghost of a shot at sticking with the Lakers is 6-6 college draftee Orlando Phillips out of nearby Pepperdine. Phillips bucketed 20.0 ppg his final college season so there's no question about his offensive ability, but he lacks discipline at the defensive end.

Although you'd probably get an argument in Philadelphia, there are many around the NBA who maintain that in Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Norm Nixon, the Lakers have the league's premier starting guard duo. Last season, Magic averaged 16.8 points, ripped down an amazing (for a guard) 683 rebounds and led the entire NBA with 829 assists. Nixon added 566 feeds and scored at a 15.1 clip. Between them a year ago, Johnson and Nixon also had 280 steals.

In reserve at guard, the Laker vets are 6-6 defensive ace Michael Cooper (7.8/115 steals), 6-5 Mike McGee (4.0) and 6-1 Eddie Jordan (2.7). In the '83 college draft, LA took flyers on 6-5 Terry Lewis (Mississippi State), 6-4 Danny Dixon (Alabama A&M) and 6-3 Ricky Mixon (Cal State-Fullerton). All three, however, have at best slim chances of making the grade with the Lakers.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Lakers' quest for a second straight NBA title was circumvented last season by the awesome Philadelphia 76ers, a team many consider the most powerful in the league's history. Heading into the 1983-84 campaign, LA still rates as the top bet to annex the regular season Pacific Division crown... provided they can keep free agent Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in camp. Although getting up there in years, Kareem is still a force the Lakers cannot be without in the middle, so look for LA management to work out some kind of compromise with their star pivot. At the forwards, smooth Jamaal Wilkes and bruiser Rambis are a nicely matched set but increasingly, look for Worthy to get the starting call at power forward ahead of rumblin' Rambis. Out front, Magic Johnson and Nixon are a matched pair of super talents, but depth in this area after Michael Cooper is a bit too thin for comfort. **GAMEPLAN** forecasts that, yes, the Lakers should extend their Pacific Division championship reign while making a strong bid once again for the overall Western Conference title come playoff time. But who can unseat the mighty Philly Sixers from the pinnacle of the NBA? Who indeed!

Seattle Supersonics

(48-34, 3rd in Pacific)

★ ★ BULLETIN! ★ ★

In late breaking news, the Sonics acquired a pair of talented young forwards, 6-11 Tom Chambers and 6-6 Al Wood, from the San Diego Clippers. In return, the Sonics gave up backup center James Donaldson, forward reserve Greg Kelser, Seattle's first round 1984 college draft pick and a third player to be specified later.

Chambers, who has an excellent shot at moving right into a starting job with the Sonics, tossed in 17.6 ppg and had a 6.3 rebounding average his final year in San Diego while Wood was a 10.9 scorer and should also deepen Seattle's thin forward corps.

Year in and year out, the Sonics of Coach Lenny Wilkens can usually be counted on to be among the better clubs in both the Pacific Division and the Western Conference as a whole. Last season, Seattle was one of four Pacific members to make the playoffs and again in 1983-84, post-season action may be the undeniable destiny of Wilkens' club.

Up front, Seattle's anchor is durable 6-11 center/power forward Jack Sikma, who last season ran second in team scoring (18.2) and was the NBA's fifth best rebounder (11.4). With power forward regular Lonnie Shelton shipped to Cleveland in an off-season trade, don't be surprised to see Sikma pulling more duty at that spot this year, clearing the way at center for massive 7-2 James Donaldson.

A year ago, while appearing in all 82 regular season games with 11 starts, Donaldson averaged 8.9 points, pulled down 501 rebounds and rejected 101 shots. Donaldson may be ready to come into his own as a dominant pivot man now that it appears he's earmarked for more regular duty.

The remainder of Seattle's veteran inside cast includes 6-7 Danny Vranes (6.9), a starter 73 times last season; 6-6 ex-Detroit Piston Greg "Special K" Kelser (8.3), 6-10 Steve Hawes

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
32	Fred Brown	G	6-2
40	James Donaldson	C	7-1
	Craig Dykema	G	6-8
22	John Greig	F	6-7
10	Steve Hawes	F-C	6-9
12	Gregory Kelser	F	6-7
30	Mark Radford	G	6-3
43	Jack Sikma	C	6-11
20	Phil Smith	G	6-5
44	David Thompson	G	6-4
23	Danny Vranes	F	6-8
1	Gus Williams	G	6-2

(5.2), picked up late in the 1983-84 campaign via a deal with the Atlanta Hawks, and finally, 6-9 Ray Tolbert (5.0). Outside of Vranes, though, that's not an encouraging backup contingent.

Remedies for this could be several '83 college draftees, most notably 6-8 Scooter McCray (Louisville), 6-10 Pete DeBisschop (Fairfield) and 6-7 Tony Wilson (Western Kentucky). Sonics assistant coach Dave Harshman has this to say about Scooter McCray, older brother and college teammate of first round Houston Rocket draftee Rodney McCray: "He (Scooter) was a great pick on the second round. He's a real sleeper... He's the type who can get a rebound, get out on the break quickly and score."

Rumors persist that before the 1983-84 campaign's first tap-off takes place, the Sonics will have shipped elsewhere veteran guard David "Skywalker" Thompson - who no longer flies the skies of the NBA in first class style. Last season, his first in Seattle, Thompson put in 15.9 ppg, about half of what he averaged early in his pro career with the Denver Nuggets. Stay tuned, then, for more on the Thompson trade.

Tops among Seattle's for-certain backcourtiers is 6-1 Gus Williams, among last year's NBA leaders in scoring (20.0), assists (8.0 per game) and steals (182) as the former USC All-American played and started in 80 regular season contests. With Thompson's departure said to be imminent, that would leave only 6-3 veteran long-range banger Fred Brown (10.2) and 6-4 Mark Radford (3.7) in the backup guard cupboard.

Again, here the solution to that depth shortcoming at guard may have been found with the '83 college drafting of 6-1 Jon Sunvold (Missouri), 6-6 Frank Burnell (Stetson) and 6-6 Brad Watson (Washington). First round pick Sunvold, whose NBA future was questioned because of his small stature and lack of great quickness, is a heady floor leader and deadly outside shooter. "A lot of people are over-concerned about how we're going to defend other teams (with 6-1ers Williams and Sunvold in the lineup at the same time)," says Coach Wilkins. "But it's also up to them to stop us."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Sonics through the years have been one of the NBA's most consistently successful teams, right up there with the LA Lakers, Philadelphia 76ers and Boston Celtics. The "Seattle Script" won't vary in 1983-84, either. In the front line, long-time Sonics skipper Wilkens has Sikma leading the way, with burly Donaldson and Vranes "comers" in this area. Also, look for Scooter McCray to stick on with Seattle since the makeup of the rest of the inside cast falls pretty much under the "journeyman pro" heading. Out front, Gus Williams continues to excel in all phases of the game as Seattle's leader in this area, which chances are good will no longer be populated by David "Skywalker" Thompson come the start of the 1983-84 season. First round draftee Sunvold, therefore, could be asked to pull heavy duty for Seattle right away. Second to perennial division kingpin Los Angeles is where **GAMEPLAN** sees the Sonics finishing this year, with a return to playoff action all but a foregone conclusion. But this club is frankly too thin at forward and in the back court to be a serious challenger for the league crown in 1983-84.

Portland Trail Blazers

(44-36, 4th in Pacific)

It's amazing to think that in the 26 years he's been a head coach at the college and NBA level, only three Jack Ramsey-led teams have ever finished with losing records. Ramsey's winning ways should continue with the 1983-84 Trail Blazers,

too, since to an already solid team have been added several promising college draftees, most notably Portland first round pick Clyde "The Glide" Drexler from Houston.

The 6-7 Drexler, a fluid athlete who sparkles in the transition game, should serve as a dependable backup for Portland veteran forward regulars 6-6 Calvin Natt (20.4/7.0), perhaps the game's premier small forward this side of Milwaukee's Marques Johnson, and 6-7 power forward Kenny Carr (12.0/7.0). Carr was the only Trail Blazer to appear in all 82 regular season games a year ago, while he and Natt are both consistent 50 percent shooters from the floor.

Other forward vets are 6-6 Linton Townes (4.5), 6-6 swing man Jeff Lamp (4.4) and 6-9 Hank McDowell (2.9), picked up in an early 1982-83 trade. Townes is a slick inside player who needs to bulk up for the NBA rebounding wars, while former No. 1 college draftee Lamp could be more of a factor if he can avoid injuries. Besides Drexler, other forwards culled in this year's draft were 6-7 Gary Monroe (Wright State), 6-6 Derrick Pope (Montana), 6-10 Frank Smith (Arizona) and 6-6 forward/guard Phil Hopson (Idaho). Outside of Drexler, though, the other '83 draftees are strictly longshots.

At the pivot spot, 6-10 Mychal Thompson (15.7/9.0) slumped as a scorer last season and his rebounding also fell off. There are many who maintain that Thompson's best pro position would be power forward, but Portland seems committed to keeping him in the pivot, where Thompson in truth has trouble against the league's dominant centers.

Backstopping Thompson are 6-10 Wayne Cooper (9.7/7.6/team high 136 blocked shots) and burly 6-9, 250-pound second-year pro Audie Norris (2.2/2.3). Cooper's a solid vet in little danger of losing his roster spot, but serious challengers to Norris are a pair of 1983 college draftees, 6-11 Granville Waiters (Ohio State) and 7-1 Tom Piotrowski. Waiters, a typical rugged Buckeye roundball product, could also project as an NBA power forward, while the 240-pound Piotrowski has some bulk of his own to throw around underneath the basket.

The glue that actually cements this Trail Blazer team together is 6-6 guard Jim Paxson, about whom Coach Ramsey says: "He'd be good anywhere, in any system. He plays hard. You'll never see him give up." Last season, Paxson scored at a career high 21.7 ppg rate clip while his tough defense paid off with 140 steals, second most on the club a year ago. "I'm not quick and I'm not fast," Paxson says of himself. "Everyone in this league is looking for an edge. The edge I have is being aware."

Court-wide awareness is also an asset of young Trail Blazer point guard Lafayette "Fat" Lever, a 6-3 sophomore pro who averaged 7.8 points and led the team in both assists (426) and steals (163, 10th most in the NBA) his rookie campaign. Lever will only get better, and his deft playmaking should key the Blazer offense for some time to come.

Off the bench at guard, in the way of vets Portland has swing man Lamp, 6-1 Darnell Valentine (12.5 in 47 games before being felled by an injury) and 6-4 warhorse Don Buse (4.7), a 10-year pro who still plays rugged, nose-up defense. Back court prospects added in the '83 college draft, all of whom also fall under the "longshot" heading, are 6-2 Tim Dunham (Chaminade), 6-5 Paul Little (Pennsylvania) and 6-5 Russ Christiansen (Eastern Oregon State).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Respectable at the very least, that's what you can almost always expect a Jack Ramsey-coached club to be, which is exactly how the 1983-84 Trail Blazers shape up. Respectable. Inside, although Thompson may never become a truly dominant NBA pivot man, he gets the job done well enough, and there's nothing wrong with a starting forward duo of Natt and Carr. Reserve-wise, the drafting of Drexler adds further depth to what was already a solid backup front line crew. Jim Paxson, older brother of 1983 San Antonio first round draftee John Paxson, heads a young, but already battle-tested Trail Blazer back court. The key to truly strong play here, though, is getting Valentine back 100 percent health-wise, because Portland needs his outside shooting and playmaking to augment Jim Paxson and youngster "Fat" Lever. After those three, however, there's a steep drop in Portland's back court to aging Buse and injury-prone swing man Lamp, so it's vital the Blazers keep their top guards healthy. As has been the case each season of late, Portland faces some tough sledding in the D-E-E-P Pacific Division, which sent four teams (including the Trail Blazers) to last year's playoffs. See Jack Ramsey's problem? If you put his

Trail Blazers in, say, the Central or Midwest Divisions, they might be title challengers. But out Pacific-way, with the LA Lakers, Phoenix Suns and Seattle Supersonics still flexing some pretty big muscles, fourth place may again be Portland's destiny in 1983-84.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
10	Don Buse	G	6-4
34	Kenny Carr	F	6-7
42	Wayne Cooper	C	6-10
3	Jeff Lamp	F-G	6-6
12	Lafayette Lever	G	6-3
7	Hank McDowell	F-C	6-9
33	Calvin Natt	F	6-6
24	Audie Norris	C	6-9
4	Jim Paxson	G	6-6
43	Mychal Thompson	C	6-10
2	Linton Townes	F	6-6
14	Darnell Valentine	G	6-1
31	Peter Verhoeven	F	6-9

Phoenix Suns

(53-29, 2nd in Pacific)

Tired of getting their brains scrambled underneath the hoop by bigger front lines, long a weak spot for the Suns, Phoenix went out during the off-season and traded for burly 6-10 Rick Robey, who supplied last year's Boston Celtics with only 4.2 ppg and 219 total rebounds -- but lots of inside muscle. Among other things, it cost Phoenix standout all-around guard Dennis "DJ" Johnson to acquire Robey, but Suns' general manager Jerry Colangelo for one feels it was worth the price. "The name of the game in the NBA is strength," comments Colangelo. "Robey is one of the most physical players in the league."

Robey joins a veteran Suns front line hitherto best represented in the muscle department by 6-9 Maurice Lucas (16.5/7.99 rebounds). He and Robey should team up to make life miserable, not to mention painful (&?!%?&!) for 1983-84 opponents. No longer, does it appear, will NBA rivals be kicking sand in the Suns faces when it comes to inside play.

Foremost of the other veteran Phoenix frontliners is 6-9 center veteran Alvan Adams (14.2/5.48 rebs), one of the best passing big men in the game, and 6-10 Larry Nance (16.7/team high 710 boards), who despite his size is more of a finnese type. In addition to his scoring and rebounding, Nance is also a tough defender who ranked among the 1982-83 NBA leaders with 217 shot rejections.

Putting the finishing touches on the Suns veteran crew underneath the hoop are 6-7 Rory White (5.0), 6-7 Alvin Scott (4.1), 6-10 Jeff Cook (3.6) and 6-7 Joel Kramer (1.9), while a trio of prospects added in the '83 college draft were 6-6 Paul Williams (Arizona State), 6-7 Sam Mosley (Nevada-Reno) and 6-8 Rick Lamb (Illinois State). Best of those newcomers is Williams, a sweet shooting small forward who also has the quickness to swing to big guard.

With "DJ" Johnson missing, Phoenix will rally its back court around 6-6 Walter Davis (19.0), top scorer on the team last season. After spending the early part of his pro career at small

PHOENIX SUNS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
33	Alvan Adams	C	6-9
6	Walter Davis	G	6-6
53	James Edwards	C	7-1
11	Johnny High	G	6-3
50	Joel Kramer	F	6-7
20	Maurice Lucas	F	6-9
4	Kyle Macy	G	6-3
-	Kevin MaGee	F	6-8
22	Larry Nance	F	6-10
32	Charles Pittman	F	6-7
-	Rick Robey	C-F	6-10
14	Alvin Scott	F	6-7
40	David Thirdkill	F-G	6-7
7	Rory White	F	6-7

forward, Davis has found a home at big guard for the Suns, a position at which he's developed into one of the NBA's finest.

It's probable that taking Johnson's place in the starting back court will be 6-3 Kyle Macy (9.9), who again last season ranked among the league's free throw leaders by canning 87.2 percent of his charity tosses. Off the bench at guard, the veteran cast numbers 6-7 David Thirdkill (4.0) and 6-2 Johnny High (3.2), while two '83 college draftees who'll get thorough trials are 6-2 Rod Foster (UCLA) and 6-0 Derrick Whittenburg (North Carolina State). "Foster was rated the quickest player in the draft," says Phoenix GM Colangelo. "He's also an excellent shooter who is at his best in the running game."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Suns made a speed for brawn trade-off in their Rick Robey-for-Dennis Johnson deal, and while "DJ" will be missed, Robey's presence will give Phoenix some badly needed extra bulk on the inside. Adams at center and Lucas and Nance at the forwards figures to again be the starting front line, with Robey first off the bench at either the pivot spot or power forward. In the back court, Johnson's absence should be for the most part compensated for by the scoring prowess of Walter Davis, the all-around skills of Macy, and young "comer" Thirdkill, the Suns first round pick in last year's college draft. Best of this year's guard draftees are speedster Foster and shooter-deluxe Whittenburg, although the latter's lack of height might create defensive problems for him at the NBA level. The Suns got what they wanted in Robey, a bull inside, but the loss of "DJ" Johnson puts just enough of a crimp in this team to prevent their seriously pushing the LA Lakers for the Pacific Division title.

Golden State Warriors

(30-52, 4th in Pacific)

Injuries and erratic play, the price one pays for a team so young as the Warriors, haunted Golden State last season as they dipped to fourth in the Pacific Division, 22 games under the .500 mark. Improvement may be forthcoming for Coach John Bach's club in 1983-84 but only IF the Golden State front office is able to satisfy the contract demands of four current free agents, guards Ron Brewer and Lorenzo Romar plus forwards Purvis Short and Mickey Johnson.

The mainstay in the Warrior front line is young 7-0 pivot standout Joe B. Carroll, who fired in 24.1 ppg and pulled down a team high 688 rebs last season. Carroll has gotten better with each pro season and his is one of the brightest futures of any NBA center.

But what of Golden State's forward situation, with the 6-7 Short (21.4) and Mickey Johnson (14.1) both on the free agent market? The Warriors can ill afford to lose either of them and at last report, they were close to a deal with Short and were pulling out all stops to keep Johnson around.

The big hope at forward is that 6-8 board pounder Larry Smith (8.4 and 485 boards in 49 games last season) is fully recovered from an injury to the elbow of his shooting arm. However, once past Short and Johnson -- provided they're resigned -- and Smith -- provided he's 100 percent again -- the Warriors reserve front line veteran pantry contains only 6-6 streak player Lewis Lloyd (9.4), 6-8 Sam Williams (8.4) and 7-0 second-year pivot backup Chris Engler (1.5).

Considerably deepening Golden State's inside corps will be the team's 1983 first round college draftee, 6-10 Russell Cross



Alvan Adams
Phoenix Suns

(Purdue), out of the same Boilermaker factory that a few years back sent center Carroll as the Warriors No. 1 college pick. Coach Bach says of new arrival Cross: "He's a Chicago street guy, a tiger from the streets. He'll meet the (NBA) challenge." Projections call for Cross to backstop Larry Smith at power forward, but if Smith is slow in coming around medically, Cross could find himself a starter real quick.

At guard, free agents Brewer (11.3) and Romar (7.6/455 assists) were the most active Warriors last season so as it is with forwards Short and Johnson, neither can Golden State afford to let Brewer and/or Romar slip away. Best of the Warrior back court vets are Eric "Sleepy" Floyd (8.1), brought over in a late 1982-83 trade, and 6-3 Lester Connor (4.9), both second-year pros.

After the selection of Cross, Golden State expended its next two '83 draft choices on guard prospects, lanky 6-8 Pace Mannion (Utah) and 6-3 Michael Holton (UCLA). Mannion can use his height to tremendous advantage on offense as Warrior GM Al Attles notes with his comment: "He's not afraid of anybody down low. Mannion takes the ball inside with abandon."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Warriors slipped back last year in their battle for consistent respectability in the rough-and-tumble Pacific Division, which sent four teams to the last NBA playoffs. Inside for Golden State, center Carroll is the key, but trouble could be on the forward horizon unless: 1) Free agents Short and Mickey Johnson re-sign, and; 2) Larry Smith comes back at top physical form. The same applies in the Warrior back court where Brewer and Romar are also presently free agents. Without them, guard play would be considerably weaker and remember, play in this area hasn't been all that great lately to begin with. This is a team with just too many "ifs" -- and big IFs, too -- to be considered as a legitimate contender in the Pacific Division this coming NBA season, and the best the Warriors can hope for is fifth place again ahead of projected cellar dweller San Diego.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
17	Ron Brewer	G	6-4
2	Joe Barry Carroll	C	7-0
15	Lester Conner	G	6-4
55	Chris Engler	C	7-0
21	Eric Floyd	G	6-3
12	Mike Gale	G	6-4
43	Mickey Johnson	F	6-10
32	Lewis Lloyd	F	6-6
18	Lorenzo Romar	G	6-1
45	Purvis Short	F-G	6-7
41	Derek Smith	F	6-6
13	Larry Smith	F	6-8
33	Sam Williams	F	6-8

San Diego Clippers

(25-57, 5th in Pacific)

★ ★ BULLETIN! ★ ★

In a recent development, the Clippers were involved in a trade with the Seattle Supersonics in which San Diego acquired burly seven-foot center James Donaldson, forward Greg Kelser, Seattle's first round pick in the 1984 draft and a third player to be named later. In exchange, the Clippers gave up forwards Tom Chambers and Al Wood.

Donaldson, who bucketed 8.9 ppg and cleared an average of 6.0 boards while appearing in all 82 regular season games his final year with the Sonics, is sound insurance at the pivot spot for the Clippers since Bill Walton and Swen Nater have both been haunted by injuries lately. Kelser carried an 8.3 scoring average in 80 regular season contests for the 1982-83 Supersonics.

It will probably come down to this? If, and it's a large If, the Clippers can get 50 to 60 regular season games out of Bill Walton at center this season, San Diego could emerge as a bonafide playoff contender. If not, new Clipper mentor Jim Lynam, assistant the past two years under Portland's Jack Ramsey, may be no more successful than his coaching predecessors in San Diego, where only three times since the team's founding in 1970-71 have the Clippers managed a winning record.

A year ago, Walton appeared in only 33 regular season games for the Clips, posting a 14.1 scoring average while clearing 323 boards. Hope is still being held out that 1983-84 will be the season the former three-time UCLA All-American and leader of the 1976-77 Portland Trail Blazer NBA championship team will be able to give San Diego a full, healthy season in return for the mega-bucks the Clippers had to shell out in 1979 to sign then free agent Walton.

Further complicating San Diego's pivot problems is the fact that both of their other veteran centers, Jerome Whitehead and Swen Nater, are also coming off injury-fraught seasons. Whitehead, in just 46 games, averaged 8.7 points with a meager total of 261 rebounds, while Nater was good for only 2.3 ppg in just seven contests a year ago. For Nater, that was his second straight year of limited appearances due to injuries. One newcomer worth mentioning at the pivot spot is 1983 college draftee Les Craft, 6-11 from Kansas State, but it's questionable if he'll be able to make the NBA grade as much more than a relief man.

At the forward, San Diego's mainstay and last season's league "Rookie of the Year," Terry Cummings, leads the way. His rookie pro season, Cummings led the club in scoring (23.7) and rebounding (7.4) and he's been given a clean bill of health after some problems with an irregular heartbeat late last season.

Getting the starting call at the other forward is 6-11 Tom Chambers (17.6), a third-year pro, while former forward regular Michael Brooks (12.2) is now in a sixth man role. Brooks has a string of 246 consecutive games played and was the only Clipper to appear in all 82 regular season games a year ago. At this writing, Brooks is an unsigned free agent but the San Diego



Bill Walton
San Diego Clippers

front office is confident they can come to terms with the former LaSalle All-American. Rounding out the veteran forward cast are former Portland Trail Blazer Bob Gross (3.1) and 6-10 forward/center Richard Anderson (5.2), who appeared in 78 games his rookie season, the most among the Clips after Brooks. Yet another former Trail Blazer, 6-10 forward/center Michael Harper, will be looking for a roster spot after playing in Italy last year while in the 1983 college draft, San Diego selected 6-6 Mark Gannon (Iowa). A quartet of free agent forwards the Clips will also look at are 6-8 Willie "Hutch" Jones (Vanderbilt), 6-5 swing man Boo Bowers (American U.), 6-9 David Nelson (Bloomfield College) and 6-6 Andy Thompson (Minnesota).

San Diego's main quest in this year's college draft was good shooting guards to take some heat off the team's inside game, and the Clips landed one of the best of that breed available with their first round selection of 6-4 Byron Scott (Arizona State). Scott, who averaged a modest 13.5 ppg his final year at ASU, is said to be just now peaking and if so, he should be the long range deadeye the Clippers have been looking for. Other '83 drafted guards were 6-6 Larry Anderson (Nevada-Las Vegas), 6-6 Danny Evans (Oregon State), 6-2 David Maxwell (Fordham) and 6-0 Keith Smith (San Diego State), while a pair of free agent backcourtiers the Clips will look over carefully are 6-5 Marvin Delph (Arkansas) and 6-3 Lynden Rose (Houston).

Of San Diego's veteran guards, the most dependable is nine-year pro Lionel Hollins (13.5), another free agent the Clips are confident they can come to terms with. Hollins also had a team high 373 assists a year ago. Rangy 6-6 Al Wood (10.9) is another Clips' guard vet who averaged in double figures last season, while wrapping up the NBA-tested back line contingent are 6-2 Craig Hodges (9.9), 6-1 Lowes Moore (5.7) and 6-6 Jim Brogan (3.8).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: In Jim Lynam, the Clips landed one of the game's most respected young mentors, but even he will have trouble leading this team out of its red ink morass unless Walton plays a full, healthy year at center and rookie Scott comes through as an outside scoring threat. Otherwise, this is not a bad team at all, and in fact San Diego boasts three of the league's most talented young forwards in Cummings, Chambers and Brooks. In the back court, veteran Hollins is still a steady hand and Wood is a tall guard with good inside moves who'll clean up every time when posting up smaller opponents. Second-year pro Hodges has also been a pleasant surprise. The main hurdle facing the Clips, though, is simply that they must compete in what is unquestionably the NBA's toughest division, the Pacific, which also boasts as members-in-residence the LA Lakers, Phoenix, Seattle, Portland and Golden State. As such, San Diego will be fortunate indeed in 1983-84 to escape their division basement.

SAN DIEGO CLIPPERS 1983-84 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
35	Richard Anderson	F-C	6-10
15	Jim Brogan	G	6-6
7	Michael Brooks	F	6-7
22	Tom Chambers	F-C	6-11
23	Joe Cooper	C	6-11
34	Terry Cummings	F	6-9
30	Bobby Gross	F	6-6
24	Craig Hodges	G	6-2
14	Lionel Hollins	G	6-3
12	Lowes Moore	G	6-1
31	Swen Nater	C	6-11
32	Bill Walton	C	6-11
33	Jerome Whitehead	C	6-10
4	Al Wood	G	6-6

FINAL NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS

Minimum 70 games played or 1400 points

	G	FG	FT	PTS.	AVG.						
English, Den.	82	959	406	2326	28.4	Bird, Bos.	79	747	351	1867	23.6
Vandeweghe, Den.	82	841	489	2186	26.7	Thomas, Det.	81	725	368	1854	22.9
Tripucka, Det.	58	565	392	1536	26.5	Moncrief, Mil.	76	606	499	1712	22.5
Gervin, S.A.	78	757	517	2043	26.2	Griffith, Utah	77	752	167	1709	22.2
Malone, Phil.	78	654	600	1908	24.5	King, N.Y.	68	603	280	1486	21.9
Aquirre, Dall.	81	767	429	1979	24.4	Abdul-Jabbar, L.A.	79	722	278	1722	21.8
Carroll, G.S.	79	785	337	1907	24.1	Paxson, Port.	81	682	388	1756	21.7
Free, Clev.	73	649	430	1743	23.9	Issel, Den.	80	661	400	1726	21.6
Theus, Chi.	82	749	434	1953	23.8	Short, G.S.	67	589	255	1437	21.4
Cummings, S.D.	70	684	292	1660	23.7	Ma. Johnson, Mil.	80	723	264	1714	21.4

REBOUND LEADERS

Minimum 70 games or 700 rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG.
Malone, Phil.	78	445	749	1194	15.3
Williams, N.J.	82	365	662	1027	12.5
Laimbeer, Det.	82	282	711	993	12.1
Gilmore, S.A.	82	299	685	984	12.0
Sikma, Sea.	75	213	645	858	11.4
Roundfield, Atl.	77	259	621	880	11.4
Robinson, Clev.	77	190	666	856	11.1
Ruland, Wash.	79	293	578	871	11.0
Bird, Bos.	79	193	677	870	11.0
Cummings, S.D.	70	303	441	744	10.6

FREE THROW LEADERS

Minimum 125 Ft Made

	FT	FTA	PCT.
Murphy, Hou.	138	150	.920
Vandeweghe, Den.	489	559	.875
Macy, Phoe.	129	148	.872
Gervin, S.A.	517	606	.853
Dantley, Utah	210	248	.847
Davis, Dall.	186	220	.845
Tripucka, Det.	392	464	.845
Knight, Ind.	343	408	.841
Bird, Bos.	351	418	.840
Sikma, Sea.	400	478	.837

FIELD GOAL LEADERS

Minimum 300 FG made

	FG	FGA	PCT.
Gilmore, S.A.	556	888	.626
S. Johnson, K.C.	371	595	.624
Dawkins, N.J.	401	669	.599
Abdul-Jabbar, L.A.	722	1228	.588
Williams, N.J.	536	912	.588
Woolridge, Chi.	361	622	.580
Worthy, L.A.	447	772	.579
Davis, Dall.	359	628	.572
Cartwright, N.Y.	455	804	.566
Ruland, Wash.	580	1051	.552

BLOCKED SHOTS LEADERS

Minimum 70 games or 100 blocked shots

	G	No.	Avg.
Rollins, Atl.	80	343	4.29
Walton, S.D.	33	119	3.61
Eaton, Utah	81	275	3.40
Nance, Phoe.	82	217	2.65
Gilmore, S.A.	82	192	2.34
McHale, Bos.	82	192	2.34
Lister, Mil	80	177	2.21
Williams, Ind.	78	171	2.19
Abdul-Jabbar, L.A.	79	170	2.15
Malone, Phil.	78	157	2.01

ASSISTS LEADERS

Minimum 70 games or 400 assists

	G	No.	Avg.
E. Johnson, L.A.	79	829	10.5
Moore, S.A.	77	753	9.8
Green, Utah	78	697	8.9
Drew, K.C.	75	610	8.1
Johnson, Wash.	68	549	8.1
Williams, Sea.	80	643	8.0
Williams, K.C.	72	569	7.9
Thomas, Det.	81	634	7.8
Nixon, L.A.	79	566	7.2
Davis, Dall.	79	565	7.2

STEALS LEADERS

Minimum 70 games or 150 steals

	G	STL	Avg.
Richardson, N.J.	64	182	2.84
Green, Utah	78	220	2.82
Moore, S.A.	77	194	2.52
Thomas, Det.	81	199	2.46
Cook, N.J.	82	194	2.37
Cheeks, Phil.	79	184	2.33
Williams, Sea.	80	182	2.28
E. Johnson, L.A.	79	176	2.23
Leavell, Hou.	79	165	2.09
Lever, Port.	81	153	1.89

FINAL NBA TEAM STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS—OFFENSE

	FIELD GOALS				FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS			MISCELLANEOUS							SCORING	
														Blk	Turn				
Team	G	Made	Att.	Pct.	Made	Att.	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Asst.	PF	Stl	Sh.	Over	DG	Pts.	Avg.	
Den.	82	3951	7999	.494	2179	2696	.808	1214	2524	3738	2336	2091	789	352	1496	16	10105	123.2	
L.A.	82	3964	7512	.528	1495	2031	.736	1235	2433	3668	2519	1931	844	479	1584	10	9433	115.0	
S.A.	82	3697	7340	.504	1887	2468	.765	1232	2599	3831	2261	2095	675	469	1504	26	9375	114.3	
K.C.	82	3719	7485	.497	1839	2530	.727	1256	2407	3663	2155	2432	765	409	1691	28	9328	113.8	
Dall.	82	3674	7550	.487	1852	2462	.752	1296	2381	3677	2227	2067	552	348	1348	35	9243	112.7	
Det.	82	3623	7602	.477	1921	2588	.742	1312	2477	3789	2108	2122	679	572	1557	31	9239	112.7	
Bos.	82	3711	7547	.492	1730	2348	.737	1273	2532	3805	2216	2062	789	521	1541	23	9191	112.2	
Phil.	82	3600	7212	.499	1966	2650	.742	1334	2596	3930	2016	2041	812	577	1627	11	9191	112.1	
Chi.	82	3537	7373	.480	1983	2690	.737	1267	2527	3794	2086	2192	666	400	1743	32	9102	111.0	
Sea.	82	3597	7277	.494	1796	2459	.730	1152	2569	3721	2278	1969	677	435	1533	21	9019	110.0	
Utah	82	3525	7342	.480	1844	2440	.756	1093	2550	3643	2176	2017	758	595	1683	34	8938	109.0	
Ind.	82	3707	7723	.480	1447	1910	.758	1299	2294	3593	2150	2086	755	411	1535	27	8911	108.7	
G.S.	82	3627	7508	.483	1620	2199	.737	1281	2284	3565	1964	2138	856	430	1606	32	8908	108.6	
S.D.	82	3625	7634	.475	1589	2195	.724	1394	2108	3502	2087	2284	820	408	1600	48	8903	108.6	
Port.	82	3459	7124	.486	1855	2512	.738	1180	2380	3560	2030	1960	749	384	1495	23	8808	107.4	
Phoe.	82	3555	7158	.497	1626	2189	.743	1094	2518	3612	2300	2062	749	495	1545	22	8776	107.0	
Mil.	82	3486	7133	.489	1731	2299	.753	1095	2477	3572	2116	2131	662	532	1447	38	8740	106.6	
N.J.	82	3510	7140	.492	1622	2301	.705	1266	2427	3693	2143	2166	911	592	1873	44	8672	105.8	
Atl.	82	3352	7146	.469	1586	2111	.751	1139	2433	3572	1945	2022	573	665	1424	22	8335	101.6	
N.Y.	82	3272	6793	.482	1621	2282	.710	1080	2263	3343	2034	2180	701	378	1509	30	8198	100.0	
Hou.	82	3338	7446	.448	1402	1934	.725	1206	2260	3466	1931	2131	646	422	1571	22	8145	99.3	
Wash.	82	3306	7059	.468	1452	2059	.705	1099	2430	3529	2046	1958	733	400	1588	41	8134	99.2	
Cleve.	82	3252	6995	.465	1430	1983	.721	1173	2414	3587	1738	2236	617	290	1538	56	7964	97.1	

TEAM STATISTICS—DEFENSE

Allowed by:	FIELD GOALS				FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS				MISCELLANEOUS					SCORING		
Team	Made	Att.	Pct.	Made	Att.	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Asst.	PF	Stl	Sh.	Blk	Turn Over	DG	Pts.	Avg.	Dif.
N.Y.	3132	6592	.475	1695	2260	.750	1073	2337	3410	1873	2116	694	399	1682	36	7997	97.5	+2.5	
Wash.	3299	7044	.468	1510	2084	.725	1114	2514	3628	1871	1975	698	555	1543	27	8145	99.3	-0.1	
Phoe.	3305	7265	.455	1707	2268	.753	1210	2326	3536	1988	2039	712	343	1560	30	8361	102.0	+5.1	
Mil.	3338	7318	.456	1665	2243	.742	1303	2343	3646	2043	2145	623	300	1523	25	8379	102.2	+4.4	
Atl.	3383	7201	.470	1608	2235	.719	1303	2571	3874	1927	1981	656	388	1468	21	8413	102.6	-1.0	
N.J.	3327	6962	.478	1746	2370	.737	1102	2176	3278	1978	2129	860	495	1871	32	8445	103.0	+2.8	
Phil.	3442	7470	.461	1624	2253	.721	1325	2263	3588	2089	2246	755	511	1590	54	8562	104.4	+7.7	
Cleve.	3381	6911	.489	1780	2396	.743	974	2382	3356	2005	1830	621	431	1275	14	8574	104.6	-7.4	
Port.	3503	7211	.486	1572	2046	.768	1126	2364	3490	2072	2232	658	498	1546	32	8633	105.3	+2.1	
Bos.	3477	7401	.470	1750	2307	.759	1186	2393	3579	2027	2137	699	340	1607	40	8752	106.7	+5.4	
Sea.	3546	7703	.460	1615	2184	.739	1314	2397	3711	2146	2152	726	360	1443	23	8756	106.8	+3.2	
L.A.	3734	7617	.490	1455	2008	.725	1294	2166	3460	2389	1863	766	380	1562	14	8978	109.5	+5.5	
S.A.	3654	7531	.485	1716	2239	.766	1160	2263	3423	2329	2199	654	457	1430	37	9075	110.7	+3.7	
Hou.	3641	7244	.503	1781	2375	.750	1198	2710	3908	2252	1933	772	406	1504	13	9096	110.9	-11.6	
G.S.	3706	7260	.510	1751	2391	.732	1249	2495	3744	2170	2026	758	489	1690	23	9205	112.3	-3.6	
K.C.	3531	7250	.487	2107	2885	.730	1250	2403	3653	1997	2245	809	439	1716	37	9209	112.3	+1.5	
Det.	3802	7679	.495	1647	2287	.720	1266	2594	3860	2252	2326	761	561	1580	43	9272	113.1	-0.4	
Dall.	3758	7481	.502	1708	2347	.728	1217	2433	3650	2291	2227	607	562	1383	39	9277	113.1	-0.4	
Utah	3794	7932	.478	1646	2288	.719	1439	2671	4110	2202	2102	826	448	1601	18	9282	113.2	-4.2	
S.D.	3652	6910	.529	1963	2626	.748	1095	2365	3460	2105	1962	789	519	1723	22	9299	113.4	-4.8	
Ind.	3768	7284	.517	1815	2413	.752	1206	2564	3770	2237	1886	761	439	1643	17	9391	114.5	-5.9	
Chi.	3816	7712	.495	1825	2438	.749	1197	2456	3653	2230	2266	845	633	1462	39	9503	115.9	-4.9	
Den.	4098	8120	.505	1787	2393	.747	1369	2697	4066	2389	2356	728	611	1636	36	10054	122.6	+0.6	
Avg.'s	3569	7352	.485	1716	2319	.740	1216	2430	3646	2124	2103	729	459	1567	29	8898	108.5		



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